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ACT UP Burns Flag Outside GOP Convention



A woman is dragged away from a friend who was trampled by a mounted police officer at the Republican National Convention. Three people were hospitalized and six were arrested in the ACT UP/Queer Nation protests where police stampeded a group of mostly women staging a

United Press International

HOUSTON - Some 700 AIDS protesters demonstrated outside the Republican National Convention Monday, Aug. 17, a day of protest that included the burning of a flag

and a Bush sign.

Throughout Monday - the first day of the GOP gathering - protesters of various political stripes went beyond a so-called "designated demonstrative signated by the base of the signated demonstrative signated by the local stripes with the local signated by the signated demonstrative signated by the local signated

litical stripes went beyond a so-called "designated demonstration site" set up by local officials.

The sun-blistered, nearly treeless 35-acre site remained largely empty, as protesters took their messages directly to delegates at hotels, cafes and even a church.

Some activists said they purposely avoided the site because they cannot meet convention delegates there.

"I haven't put in a single minute at the protest site," said Leslie Perez, Houston chapter chairwoman of ACT-UP. "We're taking our campaign to the hotels. We want to be where the people are."

Perez said ACT-UP 500 planned to distribute "welcome" kits containing buttons and condoms to arriving delegates.

Don Sanders, leader of the

egates.

Don Sanders, leader of the Houston-based American Gay and Lesbian Atheists, said, "We're not going to limit ourselves to a protest area. There may be any number of spontaneous things we'll do this week."

Police arrested at least four AIDS demonstrators who were attempting to move

beyond the protest zone toward the Astrodome, site of the convention, and ordered other marchers to board buses heading back to a park where the protest began.

Also on Monday, the lesbian and gay atheists targeted a GOP crowd heading to a "God and Family" rally featuring Vice President Dan Quayle. The conservatives had to shoulder their way past some 20 picketers, including one dressed like the Pope.

Pope.
Atheists had also picketed
Bresident Bush's Attensis had also picketed outside President Bush's church, St. Martin's Episcopal, on Sunday, Aug. 16, but failed to persuade its ministers to accept a letter for the president.

Fetus Police Arrested

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Pro-life and pro-choice advocates have clashed almost daily for the past week at various Houston abortion clinics. On Monday, pro-life demonstrators rushed a clinic five miles from the Astrodome, but counter-demonstrators blocked the doors. Police arrested 40 abortion opponents.

The abortion-rights side held its own rally Saturday at the official demonstration site, but only plans one othergathering during the convention.

"A lot of our volunteers are guarding the clinic doors at 5 a.m. in the morning, [so] we can't ask them to come out for a 3 p.m. rally," Planned Parenthood spokeswoman Susan Nenney said.

woman Susan Nenney said. "By noon, we're wasted." ▼

BofA Lucre To Go to **BSA** Once Again

by David O'Connor

Denying it was the result of intense pressure from the religious right, Bank of America announced Aug. 18 that the Boy Scouts of America is again eligible for corporate

funding.

B of A spokesperson John
Keane said that the decision came after the bank request-ed and received a "clarifica-tion" of Scout membership

policy.

According to a B of press release, participation in the Boy Scouts "is open to all boys who subscribe to the Scout oath and law, Cub Scout promise or Explorer

Ken McPherson of Forgot-ten Scouts, a group of gay for-mer Boy Scouts, said that the statement does not indicate a change in Scout policy. In fact, McPherson said that Boy



David Ennis, co-liaison to Mayor Frank Jordan's Office for 100 San Francisco fundamentalist Protestant churches. (Photo: Rick Gerharter)

Scout spokesperson Blake Lewis said that there has been no change in the Scout's policy of excluding gays.

Louis was not available to speak to the Bay Area Re-

In its press release, B of A also said that the bank "understands the Scouting organization's requirement and necessity to set guidelines for (Continued on page 3)

Just the facts on Joe Bannon: He's a Cop and He's Gay

by David O'Connor

In 1976 at age 20, Joe Bannon sat alone on his bed with a .38 caliber pistol in his hand. For hours, he agonized over whether to end the pain over whether to end the pain of straining against being gay. Next month, Bannon will reach millions of television viewers when he is featured on 60 Minutes as an openly gay and highly decorated San Francisco Police Investigator. It's a long road from suicide's doesten to national

cide's doorstep to national gay role model and as influ-ences along his odyssey, Ban-

ences along his odyssey, Bannon cites his relationship with God, the support of fellow officers and San Francisco's unique atmosphere that embraces individuality.

"I could be a cop in other places but I would have to do it on their terms. I would have to be the person they want me to be and not the person I want to be," Bannon said. "Here I get both. I can be a cop and I can be gay and the contribution I give back is better because I can be myself better because I can be myself with no restrictions.

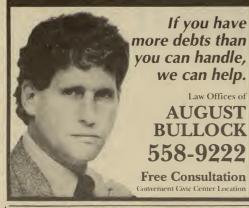
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Sisters' **Whistles**

The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence distributed more than 500 whistles Aug. 15 on the first day of their Whistle ALERT campaign. Plans call for distribution of 16,000 whistles throughout the city during the next several weeks.

(Photo: Rick Gerharter)

Lou Sheldon Finally Gets A Big Stiff ... Fine

by Marghe Covino

SACRAMENTO — The Reverend Lou Sheldon's "Traditional Values Coalition," the most visibly active anti-gay rights lobby in the state of California, has been given the maximum allowable fine by the California Fair Political Practices Commission for campaign regulation violations.

The \$2,000 fine was levied

mission for campaign regulation violations.

The \$2,000 fine was levied against TVC on Aug. 6 for making a \$6,000 contribution to San Franciscans for Common Sense Against Proposition K (the Domestic Partners ordinance) on Nov. 1, 1990.

That contribution was paid by a cashier's check that failed to identify TVC, despite California's Fair Political Practices Act, which states that no contribution of \$100 or more shall be made unless by written instrument containing the name of the donor.

donor.
Further, although SFCS-K knew the source of the donation it identified it as "anonymous" on a late contribution report and a subsequent semiannual report.

'High profile opponent'

Sheldon, TVC's founder and leader, is described in FPPC paperwork as "a high-profile opponent of gay rights legislation." Indeed, Sheldon has prospered from that position since his work in the tion since his work in the 1970s, as an aide to California legislator John Briggs, author of the notorious Proposition 6 ballot measure that would have removed all identifiably gay and lesbian teachers from the California public school

Sheldon launched TVC in 1983 and has since profited by assisting fundamentalist Christians across California and America who have attempted to initiate referen-

dums, ordinances, and other legislation to restrict the employment and housing rights of lesbians and gay men. He has been a key figure in the rise of the religious right-wing within the California Republic. lican Party, so successfully he is now described as an "advis-er" to President Bush's reelection campaign

Over \$10,000 to SFCS-K

Sheldon did not appear at the Commission hearing since the complaint and penalty had already been determined. Instead, his organization marked the day by making an additional \$150 donation to SFCS-K — this time using one of its own checks — bringing its total financial support of SFCS-K to at least \$10,810 to date.

Other out-of-town right

wing fundamentalist donors have also donated additional have also donated additional thousands to defeat the ordinance. One example is the \$5,000 donation made to SFCS-K by a man some call the "Daddy Warbucks of the right wing," Howard Field-stead Ahmanson. Ahmanson, scion of the Home Savings Bank fortune, has donated thousands of dollars to the campaigns of fundamentalist candidates for the Assembly candidates for the Assembly throughout California, both personally and through his many funding organizations such as the Capital Common-

such as the Capital Commonwealth Group and the Field-stead Foundation.

Gay rights activists Everett Denman, San Francisco pub-lisher of the legislative newsletter D2, and the Rev. Jerry Sloan of Sacramento-based Project Tocsin, a watchdog organization that focuses on fundamentalist ac-tivities, were skeptical of the FPPC proceeding.

FPPC proceeding.
"I understand the FPPC attorney assigned to the case is very new," Sloan said. "My

sources indicate that he's the sources indicate that he's the newest, least informed, and probably the most easily intimidated of the enforcement staff. The TVC people have been skating on the edge of this kind of thing for a long time—it's hard to believe that all [FPPC] could come up with is one violation, considering the propactive gav-bash. ering the pro-active gay-bashing activity the TVC is in-

ering activity the TVC is involved in:

"We've got to take a closer look at what they're doing. Some of it may be legal — but is it moral?"

An FPPC spokeperson told the B.A.R. "That's not in

our purview.

Taxpavers fund bigotry

During the public hearing During the public hearing Denman spoke before the Commission. He termed the TVC "a Hydra-headed organization," and listed a series of organizations with the same address and same officers.

"It's a smorgashord" he

address and same officers.

"It's a smorgasbord," he testified. "They've got a tangle of organizations with 501 (c)3, 501 (c)4, and 501 (c)6 status and people are encouraged to contribute to the ones which will give them tax deductions. The whole thing is a real shell game and needs to be looked into further much further.'

much further."

Denman cited the voluminous correspondance between the SFCS-K campaign, the TVC and the San Francisco City Attorney's office, observing, "these people did everything they could to avoid compliance—including ignoring correspondance until they got certified mail. I'm not impressed with this slan on the pressed with this slap on the wrist they're getting today.
"Ultimately the taxpayers

are put in the position of sub-sidizing the purportedly religious right wing's homopho-bia, ignorance and bigotry," he added. ▼

Evidence Missing in Oct. 6 Case

by Dennis Conkin

Potentially crucial evidence in the case of the Oct. 6, 1989 police sweep of the Castro is now missing, police say. A master tape of the police radio communication that night has disappeared, lead-ing to angry charges of a cov-er-up from those plaintiffs su-ing the city.

Superior Court Judge John

Dearman has indicated that Captain Richard Fife could be called to provide an explanation of the facts regarding the disappearance of the 24 hour master tane which was hour master tape, which was reported missing last week from "a secure facility", ac-cording to Sergeant Jerry

cording to Sergeant Jerry
Senkir.
Senkir said that the storage area in which the tape
was held was "limited access"
and that the internal investigation includes interviews
with all who had access to the

Ionically, Fife was the event commander of the October 6 incident.

tober 6 incident.
"We're aware of that,"
Senikir said. "But I don't believe he had direct access to
the tape, although he is obviously head of communications. I don't think he has a
key to the area," Senkir said.
Senkir said that none of

the data on the tape was lost because complete copies ex-

Attorneys for the plantiffs successfully argued that an

explanation of the incident under oath is appropriate.
"Chief Murphy has ordered an investigation into the tape's disappearance and that investigation is continuing," Senkir told the Bay Area Reporter.

Judge's warning

Angry plantiffs responded to claims made by Deputy City Attorney Linda Ross on the first day of the proceedings, provoking stern warnings from the Bench.

ings from the Bench.

Dearman stopped the court proceeding on August 18 and warned plantiffs and spectators that he would declare a mistrial if there were any outbursts after a jury was selected in the case.

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"I'm not going to tolerate any verbalization at all," he warned. "I'm not happy about it now. If it occurs when we get a jury, I'm going to declare a mistrial and you'll have to start all over."

The warning followed the response of plantiffs to Ross's defense motion to exclude certain testimony. That testicertain testimony. That testimony concerned the case of Michael Barnette, a plantiff who recently settled a suit against the city over injuries sustained that night, allegedly at the hands of police Captain Richard Cairns [See related story, Page 5]

Byrnis Tobin, a plantiff in the suit, was injured by Cairns during the demonstration and has sworn that

Cairns during the demonstration and has sworn that
Cairns clubbed protesters including Barnette without
provocation
Ross attempted to argue
that testimony concerning
Barnette's injury was "completely irrelevant" and a
"waste of time because the
case was settled."
"He fell off a newspaper
box," Ross said, provoking
the angry response from the
plaintiffs.
After admonishing those

After admonishing those responsible for the interrup-

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Oct. 6 police sweep defense attorney Linda Ross

tion, Dearman denied the city's motion to exclude the testimony because it could be relevant to some of the plantiffs' states of mind Jury selection in the case is expected to begin on Aug. 20.

BofA

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those qualified to serve as adult leaders."

adult leaders."
Keane would not say whether that statement represented the bank's endorsement of the Scout's discrimination against gay men as Scout leaders. Keane said that eligibility for funding depends only on whether an organization discriminates against the people it serves. against the people it serves — in this case boys who want to

against the people it serves —
in this case boys who want to
become Scouts.

"It has been rumored to us
for a month that corporate officials were putting pressure
on the Boy Scouts to drop its
policy of discrimination
against young people and
maintain it against adults,"
McPherson said.

"Either the Boy Scouts
have had a major change of
policy or the Boy Scouts is
duping Bank of America,"
McPherson said. "We are being told by B of A that there
will not be discrimination
based on sexual orientation
against young people. We against young people. We have let them know that this seems unlikely."

Forgotten Scouts has requested a meeting with B of

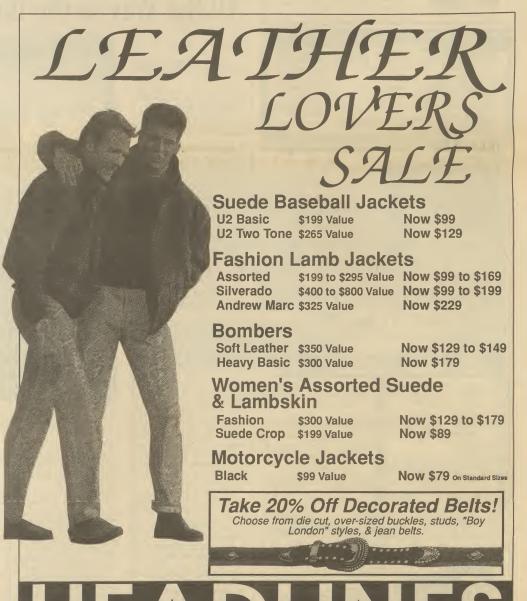
A officials as soon as possible.

Keane said that the decision to refund the Scouts was not influenced by the religious rights' campaign against the bank.

"We've had comments

the bank.

"We've had comments
both pro and con from individuals and organizations,"
Keane said. "That reason, together with our regard for the
work of the Scouts, prompted
us to take a look at our policy
and theirs, which is why we
asked for the clarification." ▼



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Community News



Youthful dogmatist at Christian Coalition demonstration at Wells Fargo Bank Aug. 15. Does this child look protected? (Photo: Rick Gerharter)

Fundies Continue to Bellyache All the Way to the Banks

by Rachel Timoner

Right-wing religious fundamentalists from the Christian Coalition targeted Wells Fargo Bank with a rally and checkbook burning ceremony Saturday, Aug. 15.

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About 50 determined socalled Christians attended the
peaceful demonstration
"against the religious bigotry"
of Wells Fargo Bank, Bank of
America, Security Pacific
Bank, the United Way, and
Levi Strauss, all of whom
have refused to continue
funding the Boy Scouts of
America because its discriminatory policy of excluding
gays and atheists is at odds
with those corporations' antidiscrimination policies. According to Joseph Youmtoub
of the Christian Coalition, Security Pacific Bank was
added to the list because it
was taken over by Bank of
America and is now subject
to B of A's anti-discrimination
policy.
Since the rally was ignored

Since the rally was ignored by Queer Scouts, the lesbian, gay, and bisexual direct action group confronting the Boy Scouts' homophobia, in hopes of heading off major media attention, only a handful of queers were on hand to confront the so-called Christians from across the street

confront the so-called Christians from across the street.

As the fundamentalist speakers droned on about family values and the deterioration of the fabric of America, individual so-called Christians shared the following rhetoric with the Bay Area

rhetoric with the Bay Area Reporter:
"Basically, [queer] people are pressuring these institutions with no basis in reality. People like this aren't going to find support in middle America. They're just wrong," a man named Allen said of the hecklers, quickly adding the non sequitir, "AIDS is a self-inflicted disease. Homosexuals have been murdering themselves. It isn't silence that equals death, it's sodomy. Mine is a caring message, but they don't see it that way."

that equals death, it's sodomy. Mine is a caring message, but they don't see it that way."

"Mother Theresa flunks their [Wells Fargo and Bank of America] litmus test. They're attacking who she is. They're perverting the term



A Cub Scout and his father listen to the harangue during the demonstration at Wells Fargo Aug. 15. (Photo: Rick Gerharter)

discrimination and using it to attack religious organizations," said Mike Dowling, an insurance agent from Walnut Creek. Although the rally speak-

Although the rally speakers attempted to keep focus away from their own bigotry and on the "religious bigotry" of the targeted corporations, sometimes they slipped.

Don Grunderman, a candidate for State Assembly in this November's election, cited a new — and of course entirely scientific — theory about queers, that "homosexuals are afflicted by emotional instability," and are therefore unable to interact "normally" in society.

The rally, inexplicably called for a Saturday morning on a fairly deserted street, didn't seem to ruffle too

many feathers, but the behind the scenes pressure of the fundamentalists on the targeted corporations seems to have made an impact. One Wells Fargo employee told the Bay Area Reporter that the bank has lost \$20 million in business since the so-called Christians announced their boycott. The estimate was steadfastly denied by Wells Fargo spokesperson Lorna Doubet.

thans announced their boycott. The estimate was steadfastly denied by Wells Fargo spokesperson Lorna Doubet. Queer Scouts and their supporters urge those opposing the fundamentalists to counter the boycott by banking with Wells Fargo or B of A, or by writing the two banks to express support. ▼

Right Wingers, Angered Over BSA Flap, Offer to Take off their Levis

By CLIFF O'NEILL

WASHINGTON - Conservative House members announced here August 12 that they will lead the nation in a boycott of corporations that Scouts of corporations that are trying to pressure the Boy Scouts of America into re-moving their ban on gay scouts and youth counselors. The boycott, announced at a Capitol Hill news confer-

a Capitol Fill news conference by eleven Republican lawmakers and conservative activists, will be aimed initially at the Levi-Strauss Co. and the Wells Fargo Bank.

"What we are witnessing in America today," said Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-Ca.), the leader of the effort, "is these major corporations mugging the Boy Scouts of America, trying to force them to lower their moral stan-

dards?"
Earlier this year, LeviStrauss and Wells Fargo
joined a national effort led by
gay and lesbian activists to
withhold corporate donations
to the Boy Scouts of America
until the organization drops
its blanket prohibition against openly gay scouts and scout-masters serving in its ranks.

Calling the corporate action "political thuggery," Rohrabacher expressed his disdain for the companies for exerting "economic pressure" on the BSA to change its pol-

icy. He predicted that once word reached Americans around the country about the companies' actions, the major-ity of Americans would join them in a mass boycott by them in a mass boycott by taking their money out of Wells Fargo and switching en masse to Lee, Wrangler or Jordache jeans. "When Texans find out

when Texans find out that the Levi's that they have on go towards attacks on Boy Scouts of America," said Rep. Tom DeLay (R-Tex.), "I know Texans ... will take off those Levi's and burn them in the streets."

B of A 'not a target' yet

Rohrabacher based the tar-geting of these two compageting of these two companies on correspondence traded between them and a group of 50 conservative House members on the effort. Two other companies preparing to withhold funds from the Scouts — Bank of America and First Interstate Bank — he said were "negotiating in he said were "negotiating in good faith" with his group and would not be initial boy-

cott targets.

Rohrabacher sought to distinguish himself and his group from this "political thuggery" by noting that he was suggesting this as a concerned citizen and was not recerned citizen and was not re-sorting to legislation to change the corporate policies.

This, however, came as he

stood with Rep. Clyde Hol-loway (R-La.), who in July un-successfully attempted to pass successfully attempted to pass, a technical amendment in the House to directly penalize any corporations withholding funds from the Scouts by freezing their funds in the federal reserve. Rohrabacher, as did most all of the House members at the press conference, had voted for Holloway's failed motion.

Although Rohrabacher sought to distance himself from that move, Holloway defended his action singling

fended his action singling fended his action singling out individual corporations for punishment. He praised the 130 House members who voted with him, adding that he would do "whatever it takes" to fight homosexuality, something he called the "most evil of all" things facing America".

"We're all leaders and I think we have to do what it takes," said Holloway. "... I as an individual have a right ... an individual nave a right ...
I'm going to use any pressure
that I can to refine their position back to the point where
the Boy Scouts get the funding they should have and the
funding I think they're entitled to from corporate America"

Foxes in the hen house?

Directly suggesting that allowing homosexuals to serve as scoutmasters would lead to

Dana Rohrabacher

cases of sexual child abuse, Holloway likened allowing gay scoutmasters to serve to "the fox guarding the hen house." Arguing that the private organization has a right to decide with which groups it wants to associate, he suggested that homosexuals could start their own group "for the instruction of their [children]."

[children]?"

"If this ... boycott does not work," he added, "I'm willing to do what it takes, because I do believe it [homosexuality] is an evil we face in this nation. And I'm going to do everything in my power to fight it every day that I serve in this House of Representatives. I believe it is an evil we must win over to keep a must win over to keep a strong America." Lawmaker after lawmaker

took to the podium to de-nounce the companies and the "radical gay activists" they accused of trying to take over America, insisting that they were only doing what was wanted by the "families of America."

In one sharp example, Rep. Robert Dornan (R-Calif.) told his personal tale of wishing only two things as a child, to be an Eagle Scout and to be a fighter pilot. He said that he was able to realize the secne was able to realize the sec-ond dream, but was not able to fulfill the first because of the presence of a "homosexu-al scout master" in his scout

al scout master in his scout troop.

"It broke my heart," said Dornan. "We had to set aside the whole troop and undo it rather than cave into a homosexual scoutmaster. It goes without saying that America is not ready to reverse these values."

Dornan expounded on the

verse these values."

Dornan expounded on the theme by painting what he called a "word picture" about life without a ban on gay scouts and scoutmasters.

Taking the tone of a scout booster in this hypothetical situation he said, "'We'd like to have your two boys, 12 and 13, join us at the Jamboree. The homosexual scoutmaster welcomes them. We've been actively recruiting and we believe that ten percent of the troop is not homosexually ac-

troop is not homosexually ac-tive. Please join us at Lake Big Bear for our Jamboree. "That drives families away," he said. "It's a given." Before the lawmakers and right wing activists began right wing activists began, four activists aligned with the

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Cop Captain Cairns's **Clubbing Case** Comes to Close

by Dennis Conkin

A tentative out of court settlement of \$15,000 has been reached in the case of a

been reached in the case of a man who alleges he was bludgeoned by a police officer during the now notorious October 1989 police sweep of the Castro.

Michael Barnette, who says he was merely a bystander during the fracas, was injured by a baton strike to the head at that time and subsequently filed suit against the city. According to sources. the city. According to sources, he will receive a \$15,000 set-tlement upon its formal approval by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

Barnette charged that he was struck by Capt. Richard Cairns while observing an ACT UP protest on October 6, 1989. When the allegation came up for review by the Police Commission last year, the commission dismissed the commission dismissed those charges, despite the tes-timony of an eyewitness who said Barnette staggered and tripped over a chain holding newspaper racks together 18th and Castro after being clubbed by Cairns. In the melee, a San Francisco Chronicle box fell over Bar-nette as he landed on the ground, splitting his eyebrow ultimately requiring

Another witness, Another witness, who claimed to see the incident from a distance cast doubt on the claim, leading to the dismissal of that charge. However, Cairns was suspended for 45 days for striking the control of the claim. 45 days for striking two other protesters and falsely arrest-ing one of them. Gay lawyer Walter Parsely told the Bay Area Reporter that Barnette "was happy"

with the proposed settlement.
"He wasn't a protester, he
was just a bystander." Parselv
said of his client. "He's not
a political person and just wants to get on with his life." But as for suggestions that it was another officer, that it was another officer, rather than Cairns, who struck Barnette, the attorney responded, "That's all nonsense. It was Captain Cairns. Ask the [people] who testified at the Police Commission hearings. Ask Bryndis Tobin who saw it. It was obviously Cairns."



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Editorial

Boycott Bank of Amorality

While the religious right wing turns politics back to the Stone Age in Houston this week, Bay Area fundamentalists are laughing all the way to Bank of America. The nation's largest bank has caved in to fundamentalist homophobes and reversed its position on funding the Boy Scouts of America. B of A announced Aug. 18 that it received a "clarification" of Scout membership policy and the Scouts will again be eligible for funding.

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In fact there's no change in the Scout policy: BSA spokesperson Blake Lewis said that gay youths are "not eligible" to become Scouts. Moreover, in its press release B of A accepted the Scouts' discrimination against adults saying it 'understands the...requirement and necessity to set guidelines for those qualified to serve as adult leaders."

Gays and lesbians were told this wouldn't happen. "We're standing by our position," B of A spokesperson Russ Yarrow told the Bay Area Reporter earlier this month when rumors circulated that the bank was considering refunding the Scouts. Yarrow said the issue was not even in question.

Apparently he was wrong. And apparently we were, too, when two weeks ago on this page we praised B of A for its courage — along with Wells Fargo Bank, United Way of the Bay Area and Levi Strauss and Company, all of which at this date stand behind their decisions to quit funding the Scouts. But when it came right down to standing up for what's right despite the ridiculous rantings of the homophobic right wing, B of A caved, crumbled, and scurried for safety like an ugly cockroach caught in the middle of the kitchen floor. B of A has proven itself to have no morals.

We call on readers to take action against the Bank of Amorality. Anyone with bank accounts at B of A should quickly close them. Be sure to let bank personnel know the reason you're doing it. A good place to move that money to is Wells

Amorality. Anyone with bank accounts at B of A should quickly close them. Be sure to let bank personnel know the reason you're doing it. A good place to move that money to is Wells Fargo Bank, which despite financial consequences remains firm in its stand against Boy Scout bigotry.

Also, we suggest that gay—and lesbian-owned businesses stop accepting checks drawn on B of A accounts and stop accepting B of A Visas and Mastercards.

In our Aug. 6 editorial, we argued that the fundamentalists were no match for lesbians and gays in a war on bank policy fought with the power of our money. Now it's time to prove that argument wasn't our own empty rantings. Now it's time to put our money where our mouth is. Now it's time to put our money where our freedom is.

Whose Mainstream Media?

Why is it that the mainstream media in this country know all about, and report about, Jeffrey Dahmer, gayracistchildmolesterkiller, and David Acer, Kimberly Bergalisinfectingdentist, but when it's time to acknowlege that the rest of us are out here, they can't seem to see us?

here, they can't seem to see us?

They must start paying attention to the accomplishments of gay people, as gay people. We need the newspapers to mention, for example, that John Cage was happily homosexual; for them to presume to write his obituary without mentioning that, or without referring to his male spouse, Merce Cunningham, doesn't make any more sense than it would to write about straight people without mentioning their spouses or kids.

This isn't about outing, a discussion of which could probably fill every page of the Encyclopedia Brittanica. What it is about is not dismissing an important part of our lives and not burying our past with our dead.

Young gay people, isolated gay people, and straight middle

burying our past with our dead.
Young gay people, isolated gay people, and straight middle America all need to read about our heroes, our angels, and our devils, so they'll know we walk every path, shop in every store, play every sport, work in every field of endeavor, create, nurse, teach, preach, love, vote...

For make no mistake about it, it's dangerous to remain invisible. That's what makes it possible for Pat Buchanan to declare a kind of war against us; for the Boy Scouts to feel free to exclude us; for the government to treat us with contempt and to allow our specific needs to go unmet, etc., etc., etc.
So next time the media reports about a lesbian or gay man without mentioning that fact, it's up to us to bring it to their attention. They need to get annoyed calls and letters, to know that they are held accountable, that as the eyes of the nation they must see us for who we are. Ignorance is not bliss. Neglect is not benign. Tell 'em we said so.



Guest Opinion

Gay Ban in Military Costs Everyone

or many years, lesbians and gay men in the military have paid an unaccountably high human price for their service. Wanting only to honorably represent their country, these men and women have faced harassment, investigation, court martial and discharge simply because of their sexual orientation. They have had careers and, in some cases, lives ruined.

Now there comes evidence that all of us — not

Now there comes evidence that all of us — not only those of us in the gay community, but all American taxpayers — have been paying for the senseless witch-hunts for gays in the military. A new 143-page General Accounting Office study, requested by me along with Reps. John Conyers, Jr., D-Mich., and Ted Weiss, D-N.Y., has documented that the Department of Defense (DOD) spends tens of millions of dollars each year to implement this policy of institutionalized discrimination. discrimination.

Simply to recruit and train replacements for those who are so illogically discharged, the Pentagon wastes \$27 million every year. Our taxes pay over \$28,000 to replace each gay enlisted man or woman who is discharged, the price to replace an officer is more than \$120,000. And, of course, the personal toll on gay soldiers, sailors, and air personnel is incalculable.

This inquisition continues despite the fact that 81 percent of Americans feel that gay men and lesbians should *not* be discharged because of their orientation. The witch-hunts continue in the absence of a single shred of scientific evidence that our military is in any way jeopar-dized by the service of gay men and women. Indeed, the homosexual officers and enlisted people drummed out of our military tend to have sterling records, and to have performed brilliantly, both in peace and on the battlefield.

Yet over the last decade, an average of 1,500 people each year have been summarily thrown out of the military simply for being gay. More

than \$250 million has been wasted in the process. The Pentagon no longer even claims to have any reasonable rationale for this systematic and costly discrimination. DOD's own reports concede — and Defense Secretary Dick Cheney has himself publicly acknowledged — that the old argument of "security concerns" is absurd on its

argument of security concerns is absurd on its face. Even the Pentagon is starting to realize you can't blackmail people who have nothing to hide.

Yet with all of this, the momentum is clearly moving toward long overdue acceptance of gay men and lesbians in the military. Community or-ganizations, university faculties, newspaper editorial boards and at least five dozen members

editorial boards and at least five dozen members of Congress are actively supporting the overturn of the policy. Legislation introduced by Rep. Pat Schroeder, D-Colo., in the House of Representatives has already garnered 64 co-sponsors. I encourage those in the gay community, and all fair-minded Americans, to contact their own members of Congress and urge them to help end this medieval inquisition — and cosponsor the Schroeder bill.

If our social history has taught us anything, it

If our social history has taught us anything, it is that racism, sexism and prejudice of all types have exacted tremendous costs — costs which we still bear today. When will we learn that ex-clusion means disaster, that bias tears us apart

When will we end the witch-hunts and let gay men and lesbians openly and proudly serve our

Congressman Gerry E. Studds

Rep. Gerry E. Studds, D-Mass., is the first openly gay member of Congress. Studds has been the leading advocate of reversing the Pentagon ban on gays and lesbians.

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Gays in Space

Last summer, Gene Roddenberry (now deceased), creator of two Star Trek television series, released a statement to the Advocate confirming that viewers would see "gay crew members in day-to-day circumstances" on the 1991/92 season of "Star Trek: The Next Generation." Mr. Roddenberry's statement would appear to have been the result of a letter writing campaign begun by Franklin Hummel of the Gaylactic Network an integrational unbells execution. tic Network, an international umbrella organization of gay/lesbian science fiction clubs. While the spring episode, "The Outcast" was an interesting sexual/gender parable, it did not end the invisibility of

ual/gender parable, it did not end the invisibility of gays/lesbians in the Star Trek universe as Mr. Roddenberry had stated.

I hope your paper will follow up on this matter with Star Trek co-producers Michael Piller and Rick Berman. I encourage your readers to write Messrs. Piller and Berman (and a copy to Paramount Pictures chair Brandon Tartikoff at Paramount Pictures, 5555 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90038), requesting that Star Trek include gays and lesbians.

Thank you!

Thank you!

J. DeSort, Jr. Brandywine, MD

Family Values and Bo Huston

After reading Bo Huston's television commentary "We Aren't the World" (Aug. 6), I was faced with the question: Whose family values are more repressive — Dan Quayle's or Bo Huston's? Quayle attacked the fictional character Murphy Brown while Bo Huston attacked two real people, Bob and Rob Jackson-Paris, for living their life as they feel proper. Mr. Huston claims that he found the Jackson-Paris couple "distinctly unlikable" and supported his claim by stating "There was nothing particularly offensive ... their gooey tale of romance, at first sight ... was a bit hard to relate to ..." hard to relate to .

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After moving to San Francisco, I was proud that I was free to be who I am and love the way that I feel correct. The gay and lesbian Rainhow Flag welcomed me and all others to find love in the diversity of each of our own family values. To read Mr. Huston condemning the Paris-Jackson's loving relationship as "irritatingly conventional" seemed more painful an attack than any comments that our vice president made about a fictional character.

Mr. Huston, I apologize for the Jackson-Parises and all other happily married gay couples like myself if you have found our family values "unpalatable." You commented that "they (the Jackson-Parises) seem unaware of having chosen a very traditional path." I only wish that you had more compassion in accepting the full range of family values living under the gay and lesbian Rainbow Flag.

David Braddock

San Francisco

Alternative Health Care

The Food and Drug Administration is attempting The Food and Drug Administration is attempting to push through Congress three bills (the NLEA, HR3642/S2135, and HR1662) that would severely limit access to information and purchase of nutritional supplements. These laws in effect would make many vitamins and minerals and all herbs and amino acids available by prescription only. Prices would soar and many useful supplements would be made unavailable. The goal of the FDA (and its special interests, the AMA and the pharmaceutical industry) is to destroy the health food industry.

the health food industry.

After all, healthy people generally don't fill hospital beds or support the multibillion dollar pharmaceutical business. Also, since the above-mentioned supplements are not patentable, as are drugs, it is of no profit for this trilateral monopoly to endorse supplementation.

All this covert action is top priority for the FDA, as if it has nothing better to do, like perhaps investigate the 160,000 deaths annually attributed to legally prescribed drugs, test cows milk for more than four of the 800 drugs used on cows, mercury levels in seafood, pesticide residues, the delayed action on silicone breast implants, or radiation machines gone haywire killing cancer patients. The lengthy list goes

The Health Freedom Act of 1992 (SB2835) is our only hope against the police state tactics of the FDA. Let Congress and the Senate know you support this bill. Alternative health care is our right!

Roger Torre

To Gay Republicans

Do you believe that the Republicans are somehow

better at handling the economy? How's that? Under Reagan/Bush we went from the world's big-gest creditor nation to the world's biggest debtor. And what about that Star Wars death ray that Scien-

tific American said wouldn't work? Now the Pentagon admits: It still doesn't work. How much money did they blow on that one?

Remember the deregulation of the savings and loan industry? That was Reagan/Bush's sterling ideal Or the H.U.D. scandal, where the administrators of

public funds for the poor lined their own pockets with

And the Iran/Contra scandal: okay, all the money And the Iran/Contra scandai; okay, all the money went to Iran, a "terrorist ration" (Reagan's words), and arms secretly went to the right-wing Contras (who have since passed anti-gay laws in Nicaragua) against the will of Congress, and nobody did it?

That's essentially the conclusion of Bush's "justice" department. And let's not forget the Reagan/Bush

policy on AIDS; they addressed a problem belonging to medicine and science with religion and ideology, in classic Medieval fashion.

And as the salmon quietly go extinct and with them the entire San Francisco Bay ecosystem, where is Bush, or Wilson or Seymour? They are the real "character issues" the Republicans have failed, and this is what we do to our country by voting for them.

San Francisco

Leather Weekend Blah

First of all, let me say that I am absolutely proleather; I am an ardent fan of your leather columnist, Mr. Marcus, and I dare say, I've been reading him since

Mr. Marcus, and I oare say, I ve oeen reading nim since he started writing.

I'm glad that, and I hope others are too, he is in the forefront of helping non-leather/vanilla people understand "gay life's least understood subculture." I can see why Mr. Marcus seldom "dishes" or belittles leather people and leather events, and in this case, rather than "dish" the 1992 version of Leather Weekend at the Russian River, he will point out only the salient and imparted to increase the set. A far all, why add portant points and ignore the rest. After all, why add to the cacaphony of criticism I'm sure will come out when discussing this amateurish, inept, and totally

when discussing this amateurish, inept, and totally disorganized piece of trash.

I can never understand why bar/restaurant people at the Russian River are always "unprepared" for the hordes of people that they absolutely know will show up at these events. Most of the Russian River service people are from San Francisco and they should know how busy the bars can get with thirsty patrons (it was not should be applied to the strength of the control of the same of the strength of the same of the s 91 degrees on Saturday and Sunday) having a weekend fling. Close to 400 people were at Fife's on Saturday afternoon for the leather contests and guess

Saturday afternoon for the leather contests and guess what? Only one, repeat, one bartender! They finally managed to get another one about 5:30 p.m., but by that time, people were bringing in six-packs and flasks of booze they had to buy at Safeway! There was no manager on duty and no one to complain to.

Now I've heard that the Russian River people resent people from SF coming up there to throw events and stage contests. So what happens, at 4 p.m., Saturday, contest time, only one contestant appears. Intl. Ms. Leather Blair had to practically "beg" people to compete. Most of the ones I talked to said they were almost "forced" to participate. If Russian River people believe their community should be represented by the locals, why no interest?

why no interest?

Thankfully, the Mr. and Ms. titles were won by locals, but the daddy's boy was from San Francisco. I can hear the grumbling already. Guernevillians have nothing to complain about.

In short, Leather Weekend at the Russian River, in specific page 1.

my opinion, was a bust. A waste of time. And I doubt if I'll ever go up to that "resort" area again. Since most of the bar people are transplants from San Francisco, they all have that "Macy's" attitude syndrome in ful force. In one word, the whole weekend was "BLAH."

> Jim Forsythe San Francisco

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Letters

Failures of President Bush

The following letter was sent to President George Bush.

I did not think you could lose this election, but it is looking more and more like America will be retiring you this November. I am afraid that I and many others have lost the trust that we placed (perhaps vainly) in you.

If you you. For the last 12 years, I have watched our country lose its values, but not the values that you have given lip service to. The values I speak of are the love of one's neighbors in ensuring safety, housing and job security; putting America first by creating jobs (that pay more than the minimum wage), not allowing companies to transfer jobs overseas; having a fair tax base for all, not just the rich and the corporations; the separation of church and state, not having or supporting a theocracy in the so-called guise of "family values"; having compassion for the terminally ill, not standing in the way of their treatment or housing and financial support; the value of the family itself—in the last four years we have seen more homeless families on our streets without food or shelter; and the value of the common man or woman having the right of stewardship over their own bodies.

value of the common man or woman having the right of stewardship over their own bodies. You have said that "trust" will be the issue in this election, Mr. President trust will be the issue in this election, and America will say, "Stand down Mr. Bush, we no longer trust you." We will remember the promises of "I will be the educational president. I will be the environmental president," and, of course, "Read my lips — no new taxes." America has watched as our educational system is collapsing we have watched you in Rio; and our taxes have been raised. Mr. President, you have either failed or lied. And in the end, you have been a terrible president of a great nation.

Gary Allen Graham San Francisco

Heavenly Reward

No one should be surprised at the recent utterance from the Vatican advocating discrimination against gays. It is perfectly consistent with all the other odious, antiquated, inhumane and deeply hurtful dogmas of the Roman Church. Of course, there are individual Roman priests and laity who are sensitive and compassionate, and there are congregations of that church which do good works toward those suffering from AIDS. None of that can or should be allowed to cloud the fact that the greatest and most virulent source of homophobia, bigotry and intolerance in the world today is the antiquated dogmas of Rome. Still worse, there is little hope for change until that tragically backward and fundamentalist Polish peasant John Paul II has gone to his heavenly reward.

Robert Dunn Vancouver, B.C., Canada

Another Letter From Rome

Another letter from Rome. How sadly in character for the Vatican to condemn homosexuality, which does violence to no one, while turning a blind eye to the violent and murderous activities of other members of the flock.

of the flock.

Catholics solve the tragic problem of homeless children in Brazil by murdering them by the hundreds. Where is the letter from Rome? Catholics continue to practice genocide on the native peoples of Central and South America. Where is the letter from Rome? Catholics are slaughtering one another in Eastern Europe today. Where is the letter from Rome? Homosexual women and men are routinely murdered by death squads in South America — obviously assuming the tacit approval of their leaders. No letter from Rome!

An institution which purports to represent Christ, the prophet of peace and love, condemning love in any form, while ignoring violence and killing, is schizoid to say the least. And an institution staffed and administered by homosexuals, yet focusing its energy on persecuting homosexuals, is a pathological system of denial, shame and self-hatred — a very dysfunctional family that needs treatment!

Dr. Jim Boland Berkeley, CA

Military Ban

Might it be that the U.S. military's witch-hunt against gay men is in some way linked to incidents such as the Navy's "Tailhook" sexual harassment scandal? Consider the type of men who would commit such actions and ask yourself this question: Could it be that the men who have been harassing women (and the men who condone it) fear that gays in the military might treat them the same way they treat women?

Mark Valverde, Libertarian For 13th District State Assembly San Francisco

American Bar Association

Attending the American Bar Association convention here in San Francisco has been a rewarding experience. The ABA's general assembly approved an amendment to its constitution on Aug. 10, 1992. They made the National Lesbian and Gay Association an affiliate of the national organization. The amendment now goes to the organization's delegates. Official recognition of the NLGLA, based in Illinois, means that the group will be a member of the ABA's House of Delegates, which sets policies for the organization. According to the NLGLA, the ABA has recognized six women's and minority bar associations, including the Hispanic National Bar Association and the National Association of Women Lawyers.

The recognition of the National Lesbian and Gay Law Association is a rewarding addition to the prestigious association that governs the professional activities of the nation's prominent attorneys. They have certainly gained new talent, and in many instances, brilliant legal expertise. I know personally, for I have worked with them in prestigious cases that have affected the community in the past. There were prominent guest speakers, and delegates from across the country. I had the personal honor of meeting with some of them and sharing their views. Legal issues that affect the community were always there. I will find this all rewarding as a professor of law at City College. My students represent every segment of the community.

There are issues that the Gay Lawyers' Affiliation will be able to pursue and evaluate and research. Cause of action and defense is a part of everyday life. It affects us all. In law there should be a river of unity. This unity must have representation from every segment of our community and society. It is unity and harmony that make justice prevail.

Marvin-Michel Le Grier, II, LL.B Professor of Law, City College of San Francisco

Health Textbooks

The following letter was sent to the California Department of Education, State Board of Education, Sacramento.

I am very much concerned about the proposed omission of material pertinent to homosexual issues from the forthcoming health education curriculum. Currently, the U.S. rate of suicide among gay and lesbian teen-agers is alarmingly high. These children need to be educated to the fact that they, too, in their diversity, occupy an important and meaningful place in our society.

All children should benefit, per education, from positive social/emotional input regarding the development of their total identity, one part of which is their sexual orientation. This is equally true for both homosexual and heterosexual youth. I strongly feel that the general absence of positive role-model information for gay and lesbian youth denies these children knowledge about an essential part of their individual identities and may, as well, have a devastating carry-over effect upon their families and friends.

Presenting a balanced picture of human sexual orientation in an educational setting constitutes a lesson in good citizenship in that it teaches respect for, rather than intolerance of, those who are different. Our society, both young and old, riddled as it is with unwarranted fear and mistrust of those who are, indeed, different, can only benefit from such an approach. In

other words, more education equals less gay-bashing. It is my heartfealt wish that you will seriously consider these issues before making a final decision on health textbook content. Thank you very much for your time and attention in this matter!

Steven M. Moore Pomona, CA

Leather Daddy X

This letter is being written as a sincere thanks to the many friends and supporters in the community who attended the Leather Daddy X Contest at the Eagle on July 31. Sometimes in life, one is shown special examples of the love their friends have for them. The night of the contest was one of those examples for me. Win or not, much of the gift of that night was the display of love I received.

As Leather Daddy X, I hope to serve my community with the dignity that was at leather People have

As Leather Daddy X, I hope to serve my community with the dignity that we, as Leather People, have shown amongst ourselves over the years. Casting unwanted ego aside, I realize that holding a title is the equivalent to "bottoming" to the community over the next year. I need to remind myself of the place of importance I hold the bottoms in my life, and take on this task with pleasure.

Again, I thank my family in the leather community, my friends and my soon-to-be friends, for their faith in my abilities and in my strong commitment to our cause

> Irwin Kane SF Leather Daddy X San Francisco

Republican Convention

eorge Bush and Dan Quayle, running on a party platform that is so right wing that it rould make Ronald Reagan blush, accept their party nominations in Houston to-night, and promising to "do whatever it takes to get re-elected," the incumbent president is off and running to save his political career. Bush, who only a year ago was considered a shoo-in by everyone, in-cluding the Democrats, is in big political trouble — in so much trouble in fact that he, along with his closest political operatives, personally approved by a party platform that is so conservative that it is in-deed a throwback to the economic and social philosophy of Reagan.

The party platform, embraced fully by Bush and Quayle this week, calls for a constitutional ban on abortion, opposes "any legislation or law that recognizes same-sex marriages" (take that one, you gay and lesbian Republicans), ac-tually calls for the building of a fence along the Mexican bor-der to keep out "illegal aliens," and even calls for the repudia-tion of the tax increases that their own candidate Bush him-self signed two years ago. To appease the religious right, now one of Bush's only re-maining strengths, the Republicans included language in their platform that will "honor our country's Judeo-Christian heritage and rich religious pluralism," adding an endorse-ment of "home-based schools," a matter of special importance

a matter of special importance for religious conservatives. While the platform adopted in New York City by the Dem-ocratic Party moves that party firmly to the political center, the plank adopted this week by the GOP clearly is the most conservative that has been presented to the American voters in decades. The Republican platform is little more than a wish list for the far-right, and it has been firmly embraced by George Bush. A number of Republicans that I know, both gay and straight, are saying privately that Bush and the Republican Party have, in fact, gone "too far" with this platform, and Bill

Whit this platform, and Bin Clinton "can only stand to gain by this." Whether or not pushing it-self back to the near Dark Ages politically will succeed for the Republican Party and George Bush remains to be seen, but a lot of moderate Republicans are leaving Houston this week feeling that the religious far-right has indeed gained total control of the Grand Old Party and, with George Bush at the helm, this ship may be headed for the

People & Politics

Wanting it both ways: Last Jan. 31, when Democrats Bill Clinton was under political fire for alleged adultery, Vice Pres-ident Dan Quayle told reportident Dan Quayle told reporters in Washington that the press reports were fair game, saying that "when you run for president or vice president, everything's on the table." Speaking out of the other side of the mouth last week during of his mouth last week during a stop in Irvine, Calif., Quayle lambasted reporters after



ACT UP protesting at the Republican National Conven-

Bush was asked at a news con-Bush was asked at a news conference about his marital fidelity. "When you start talking about sleaze, I think some in the media ought to look in the mirror," the veep whined. How welcome are gay and lesbians in the GOP? A prominant way. Beauthing a pearly the stream of the prominant way.

nent gay Republican whom I respect tells me that, whereas the Democratic Convention had a gay and lesbian caucus had a gay and lesbian cauca-that included at least 103 open-ly gays and lesbians, this week's GOP confab has, acweek's GOF coman has, according to my source, "no openly gay or lesbian delegates, and only four alternates — two of whom are still in the

Will the 18-point lead that Democrat Bill Clinton current-Democrat Bill Clinton current-ly holds over Republican George Bush tighten up? Of course it will; with Bush pro-mising to "do whatever it takes to get re-elected," this one will become "down and dirty" be-fore it is over. I can even im-agine another "incident" or two in the Persian Gulf area before the November election before the November election if Bush is still lagging in the

Enough about the Republicans; Supervisor Carole Mig-den, Milton Estes, and promi-nent attorneys Tom Steel and Cris Arguedas invite you to a fundraiser/reception for Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, two candidates we must elect to the U.S. Senate in November, on Friday, Aug. 28, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at 2425 Pine St.; \$100 contribution asked. Call Janie Jennings at 771-3700 for

information.

To the reader who wrote complaining that last week's column centered on the Giants' move to Florida and asking "What does the Giants' move have to do with a political column?" I can only reply that if, in the event the team actually moves, as I suspect they will, you should wait until after the next mayor's race and put that same question to Frank

Aides to Marin congressional nominee Bill Filante, the best Republican in the state Assembly, tell me that doctors were unable to remove all of the growth from his brain during controlled in the state of the growth from his brain during controlled in the state of the growth from his brain during controlled in the state of the st during recent surgery, and the popular Filante must undergo radiation therapy or possible further surgery. Filante, who is running for the congressional seat being vacated by the U.S. Senate nominee Barbara Boxer, is said to be alert and spend-

ing hours each day on the phone and will continue his campaign full time eventually. Assembly Filante, recuperating at the University of California nia Medical Center in San Francisco, was the only GOP Assembly member to support
AB 101, which was passed by
the assembly, only to be vetoed
by Gov. Wilson.
While the Clinton campaign

While the Clinton campaign has accepted three tentative presidential debate dates, the Bush campaign has yet to accept. The first is scheduled for Sept. 22 at Michigan State University in East Lansing; the other two are tentatively planned for Oct. 4 at the University of San Diego and Oct. 15 in Virginia at the University of Richmond. The debates will be 90 minutes long. A single vice-presidential debate is scheduled for Sept. 29 in Louisville, Ky. 29 in Louisville, Ky.

Everybody's favorite governor, Democrat Ann Richards of Texas, well-known for poking fun at the Republicans, left her state to the GOP this week and went vacationing in Mex-

and went vacationing in Mexico, saying that "maybe this way their convention will feel more at home" in her state.

Also in Houston last week, The Most Rev. Edmond Browning, making an unusual "pastoral visit" to a convention pastoral visit to a convention of gay and lesbian Episcopalians, urged them to "keep the faith" and continue to tell their stories in a church that sometimes dear the stories in a church that sometimes dear the little of the stories and the little stories and the little stories are stories and the little stories are stories and the little stories are stories and the little stories and the little stories are stories and the stories are stories are stories are stories and the stories are sto stories in a church that some-times doesn't want to listen. Browning, the Episcopal Church's presiding bishop, told over 200 members of In-tegrity, an organization of gay and lesbian Episcopalians, that they are "part of our church," adding that "you've got to know how important it is for you to hang in." It was the first time an Episcopal-presiding bishop had attended a convention of the group, and Browning told them that "all over the country I say to the church that the gay and lesbian community is tired of being treated as an issue. They want to be treated as people."
The United Democratic

Campaign (Clinton Head-quarters, and the Feinstein and quarters, and the reinstein and Boxer campaigns) have opened at 1310 Sutter Street @ Van Ness and are open daily; volunteers are welcome (phone: 563-DEMO).

While the U.S. House of Representatives currently have

presentatives currently has only 25 black members and 13 Hispanic members, after November an additional dozen black and six or seven more Hispanics are expected to take seats; as many as eight more women *could* join the U.S.

women could join the U.S. Senate.
Here I go agreeing with Warren Hinckle again, but yes, I do think that San Francisco should consider the possibility, as New Orleans is doing, of casing graphling as a real casino gambling as a real revenue source; legalized gambling could bring in tens of millions of dollars from in-creased tourism; let the Board of Supes show at least a bit of courage by putting this to the

A long time before I live that one down": U.S. Sen. John McCain, Republican from Ari-zona, after referring to "Vice President Gore" on a recent CNN "Larry King Live" show.



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The Outer Limit

With Knives, Whips or Chains

by Rachel Pepper

Selling your first motorcycle is like finally breaking up with your first lover. Inevitable, painful, yet somewhat of a relief. For it means, among other things, that you are finally ready to move on and explore the rest of life's offerings.

So it was with Della. Inherited from Franco and Vicki, I'd learned to ride on her, puttering around quiet streets

puttering around quiet streets in Noe Valley 'til I acquired some skills and some nerve. Then it was tearing down Guerrero late at night in all of Guerrero late at hight in all of second gear, singing Breeder's tunes to myself, feeling the wind, pre-helmet law, whipping through my hair. I'd never driven a car before and I still never want to Like

whipping through my hair. I'd never driven a car before and I still never want to. Like any first relationship, I was convinced that bike and I would be together forever.

Of course, soon I was to meet the bigger bike of my dreams, and then things changed. For everything the Yamaha couldn't give me, the Honda could, and I sadly realized that though I could keep both of them around for a while, the time for parting was near. Sure enough, when I got back from my trip to Toronto, the inevitable happened: another woman was interested in her, and it was time to reach a deal. Farewell, sweet bike, and be good. At least if I have to lose you, it's to someone who knows Della Grace, for whom you're in good hands. And don't worry, darling, you've been great, but all things, like it or not, simply must pass.

A passing I have not yet been able to accept is that of David Wojnarowicz, who died of complications from AIDS on July 22 in New York City. He was 37, and a hero of mine. David was an artist, activist, ex-hustler, film-maker, performer, and both an NEA recipient and reject during the days of the infamous "Heims Amendment."

When I heard David read last year from his then justpublished second book, Close to the Knives, his words exploded in me like firecrackers. Although he was obvious-ly sick, he projected more life from him that one hour than most people display in a life-time. I remember sucking in his presence with all my sensnis presence with all my sens-es, absorbing his rage at be-ing HIV-positive, an outcast, an angry queer in today's America. The audience held

David Wojnarowicz

our collective breath in awe and terror as lightening seemed to ricochet around the bookstore, and we willingly sat captive in the center of the storm.

When the reading was over, I gave David a copy of a 'zine I'd done and he signed his book for me. It sits on my bedside still, recently ioined by the just-published Memories That Smell Like Gasoline and his first catalogue of artand his first catalogue of art and his first catalogue of art-work and writings, Tongues of Flame. For any Woj-narowicz initiate, it is Tongues of Flame that I still recommend first, since it includes extensive prints of his artwork, photographs, writings that were eventually reprinted later, like "Post Cards From America: X-Rays From Hell," and even an interview with the artist by Bar-

ry Blinderman.
Rereading David's work
after his death is like the winafter his death is like the window into a soul very much still kicking. Whether it's reading about his lover photographer Peter Hujar's own battle with AIDS, about the hatred of Jesse Helms and other politicians in "The Seven Deadly Sins Fact Sheet," about being picked up, raped, and nearly killed several times over in Memories That Smell Like Gasoline or any of the other pieces which capture so succinctly what it is to be down and out and queer be down and out and queer with AIDS in urban America, Wojnarowicz's words, like the

Wojnarowicz's words, like the small bullets they are, always hit right on target.

David's work is the best example of focused gay male anger in the face of AIDS I've yet found. And as we've seen lots of well deserved anger and activism by men taking center store in the late 190e. and activism by men taking center stage in the late '80s and early '90s, I've a feeling what we'll be seeing more of its female equivalent soon. Already we've had Thelma & Louise, the Anita Hill hearings, threats to our reproduc-

tive freedom and skyrocket ing rates of breast cancer. No small wonder that finally, disman wonder that imany, therect action women's organiza-tions like WHAM and WAC are spreading across the country. I hope these groups will be able to leave their mark before the process queens inevitably drag most of them down.

Luckily for me, being the ookworm that I am at heart, m comfortable from the sidelines these days, applaud-ing and waving a copy of the new dyke manifesto high in new dyke mannesto ligh in the air for all to see. Is it Sex-ual Politics, The Second Sex, or MS. magazine that's given me new hope that the revolu-tion girl style is, as Bikini Kill promised us, actually on its

promised us, actually on its way?
No, it's not Germaine or Kate that's giving me hope, or even that super thick 20-year anniversary issue of MS. Not a chance, for instead it's Hot-Head Paisan, the Homicidal Lesbian Terrorist, that always give me strength. Drawn by Diane Dimassa and published with her lover Stacy Sheehan, Hothead is the biggest stroke of genius in queer cartooning of genius in queer cartooning yet, and gosh darn I love these gals and their super lit-

HotHead is an Italian lesbo who, along with her cat Chicken, searches out and de-stroys misogyny wherever she finds it. Whether it be she finds it. Whether it be over dumb hets in Provincetown or over sexist billboards, whether it's with knives, whips or chains, watching HotHead unleash her rage is great revenge on a fucked up world. The gals are working on issue seven now, and back issues are available at your favorite queer bookstore for a mere three bucks each. Hey, it's a lot cheaper than therapy, and it'll make ya laugh, too. And I have a feeling David Wojnarowicz would fully approve.



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'Funeral From Hell' Hits Bohemian Club

by Rachel Timoner

The Bohemian Club, an elite men-only enclave in San Francisco that boasts Presidents Ronald Reagan, George Bush, Richard Nixon, and Gerald Ford as members, was targeted by angry reproduc-tive rights activists on Aug.

17.
The "Boho" Club showdown was the last stop in the "Furious Funeral from Hell," a two-and-a-half-hour procession through the city to protest the Supreme Court's stand on abortion rights. The honking parade included 35 coffin-covered cars filled with angry, mourning women and angry, mourning women and disrupted the city's lunch hour by blocking traffic and causing pedestrians to stop and cheer.

and cheer.

The caravan, sponsored by ACT UP's Women's Caucus, Women's Health Action and Mobilization, and Women Against Imperialism, was designed to express the rage and the sadness felt by reproductive health activists over the death of Roe v. Wade, the death of women from back aldeath of women from back al-ley abortions, the lack of access to abortion, the lack of funding for the reproductive health needs of poor women, forced sterilization, and all of women's unmet reproductive rights, organizers said.

Eleven women were ar-rested as they blocked the en-trance of the building with makeshift coffins, tombstones and a banner that read "Ac-cess Denied to Deniers of Access," while more than 200 other women splattered the building with posters, stickers, and wire hangers.

"We've blocked access to the Bohemian Club today to turn the tables on the men who have for too long denied who have for too long denied women access to abortion and reproductive health," the group's statement reads. "These men don't know what it's like to have anything denied to them. Housing? Education? Health care? Vacation spot? They name it, they get it. Today we want to teach them a lesson about the women's lives they don't care about."

The group picketed for about half an hour before the police arrived.
"We will lay our coffins at



More than 150 women blocked the entrance of the Bohemian Club Aug. 17. Eleven women were arrested in the demonstration for women's rights. (Photo: Jane Philomen Cleland)

the doors of rich white men. We will not allow their action to be without reaction," Arl

We will not allow their action to be without reaction," Arl Nadel told a cheering crowd.

Two men in suits peered out of the second story window at the commotion outside, as the club's general manager caucused with the all-male police force, who then removed the women

from the establishment.

"So many times our access is denied. It's worth it to me to get arrested for this. These are the men who rule the world. Women are fed up and we're not going to put up with it anymore," activist Sally Thomas said.

"You can take away the coffins, but not the responsi-

bility," chanted the protesters as the police cleared the cardboard structures out of the doorway.

"This women's movement is a lot different from what's gone before," activist Kareima McKnight said. "It's more angry, more radical, and more inclusive."



Howard Wallace: Put the 'Q' in KQED

by Dennis Conkin

Gay labor activist Howard Wallace, founder of the Les-bian and Gay Labor Alliance, announced his candidacy for a seat on the 27 member KQEDTV (Channel 9) Board of Directors last week.

of Directors last week.

A "petition candidate" for the board seat, Wallace has been endorsed by the San Francisco Labor Council, plus lesbian and gay leaders including Supervisors Roberta Achtenberg, Harry Britt and Carole Migden.

"I think the media has a strong impact and a definite effect on our lives," says Wallace, a field representative with Hospital and Health

Care Workers Union Local 250. "KQED has an impact on the community but it's not controlled by the community. There's a need for more local programming and discussion about issues."

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The station has been under fire for years by local lesbian and gay activists because of a perceived lack of lesbian and gay programming. While Wallace believes there has been "some improvement" of the station's coverage of the lesbian and gay community, the changes have come only after "massive pressure" by lesbian and gay activists. And, he says, the moderate improvements are not (Continued on page 21)





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Letter From ... Sacramento

[Editor's note:
This issue marks the inaguration of a new feature in the B.A.R.: Each week we will print letters from outside the immediate Bay Area, outlining matters of concern and interest in lesbian and gay communities around America. This week, we hear from our correspondent in Sacramento.]

Rumors, rumors and more rumors are the currency at the Capitol these days, the most persistent being about Gov. Pete Wilson's reluctance to go to the Republican Convention in Houston. The story goes that he assured President Bush that he'll support the party platform and help to hold the line on the abortion issue — this after he's taken a pro-choice stance... Some folks opine that it's safer for him to send messages from afar and try to avoid a flip-flop image therefore expect him to make a big budget move sometime during the convention....Others are angry with him for holding up the budget and making the Reps. look bad...One staffer observed, "What Wilson is doing to California is just as bad as Bush being ready to bomb the shit out of a small country to gain some political advantage... Whadda guy!" Oh well, it's understandable...tempers are short, staffers are the ones bearing the brunt of it, working overtime for no money and getting no thanks for it— it's 107 degrees and EVERYTHING feels FRIED!!!...

Last week when homo-hating Assemblymember Gil Ferguson rose on the Assembly floor to make his big pitch to allow the Boy Scouts to discriminate against gays, he raised his hand saying, "I am raising three fingers in a salute to the Boy Scouts." One very dignified member of a gay lobby had gallery-watchers in hysterics as she solemnly raised one finger — "in a salute to Gil Ferguson...." Not to worry—he was never going to talk to you he was never going to talk to you

Speaking of gay lobbies, did you know that the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force will be interviewing Laurie McBride, Executive Director of California's Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE) for the top spot vacated by Urvashi Vaid? McBride will be going to Washington, D.C. for interviews on the 26th, 27th and 28th....

New T-shirts depicting the GOP ele-

phant with the saying, "This Is Your Brain On Drugs," has some Capitol staffers giggling...Speaking of which...can you BELIEVE that whole discussion about correcting biblical statements and arguing over the NIV versus the King James version of the Bible...all taking place during the national Republican Party Platform debate??? Don't tell ME the radical fundamentalists haven't taken over the party!!!

Some gay legislation watchers are worried because Willie Brown's Omnibus Civil Rights Bill is in trouble. They say they don't want the provisions of AB 101, which are included in the bill, to be blamed for the bill's failure. In the meantime the bill is on hold in Search Appendix to the structure. in Senate Appropriations at least until Aug. 24 — they may pull it out yet...but then it's got to hit the Guy's desk— and we all know what a set of smoke and mirrors THAT is...

Speaking of S & M (smoke and mirrors, that is) one Capitol staffer has been keeping an eye on this school voucher stuff which is getting soooo much support from these right wing fundies who've been so anxious to wipe out any mention of gays and lesbians in public school curricula...So OUR tax money is being used to subsidize a new generation of bigots...The staffer says, "They HAVE to have their own schools — because anyone who goes through public school usually grows up to become a Democrat — it's the private school people who grow up to become Republicans.." Hey, I don't make these things up — but I DO listen to some of these theories — 'cause where these fundie-folk are concerned...listening to THEM is like stepping through the looking glass —sort of a psycho-dialectic experience...

Intrigue and disinformation is hitting an IMPORTANT Bay Area campaign...Seems that Queer Nation is being blamed for approaching the candidate's campaign manager and threatening to "out" him. But the word is...that the Fundies have been dying to do the "outing" and have found QN a convenient scapegoat — so they dressed up one of their little Naz-oids in QN garb and made their threats... Stay tuned...

See you next month...

In Pride, Roni....



Postcards From the Edge

Dozens of AIDS activists carrying 30,000 postcards calling on President Bush to reform his AIDS policy arrived at the Republican National Convention Aug. 17. California alternate delegate Marty Keller had agreed to meet the activists and take the cards inside the convention, but Keller failed to appear. Mobilization Against AIDS, which had collected the postcards, believes the delivery was rebuffed for political reasons.

AIDS Consortium Offers Help, Hope, Experimental Treatments

by Marv. Shaw

Amid all the accusa-tions and anger over delayed drug releases and inadequate patient care, one local organization devoted to treatment trials on HIV itself and its accompanying opportunistic in-fections has been functioning fections has been functioning since the spring of 1988, according to Michael Edell and Brian Camp, Executive Director and Clinical Research Coordinator, respectively, of the AIDS Community Research Consortium.

With "Improving Patient Care Through Research" as its motto, this united group of practitioners and researchers

practitioners and researchers currently conducts eleven tri-als on treatment possibilities as on treatment possibilities ranging from a comparative study on single vs. multiple drug (AZT, ddC, ddl) application to the use of pyrimethamine in toxoplasmosis prevention.

From its headquarters in Redwood City, the consortium draws patients and medical personnel from San Mateo, Santa Clara, and southern Alameda Counties as partici-pants. As of the close of 1991, Alameda Counties as participants. As of the close of 1991, San Mateo had reported a total of 700 cases, with 272 still alive; Santa Clara counted 1,000 patients, with 271 still living. In San Mateo's case, there has been an increase of

117 percent since 1989.
With the Association of Bay Area Health Officials esbay Area Heath Officials estimating some 7,559 people to be living with AIDS in the Bay Area by the end of 1993, the consortium clearly has a transaction. tremendous job to do.
"Greater access to care is the
prime goal," Eder stresses,
"particularly for those traditionally considered to be the
under-served: minority populations, intravenous drug
users and the homeless."

Reaching to the whole

Reaching to the whole AIDS-susceptible population with carefully designed and implimented trials, the ACRC attracts its participants by advertising and through referrals from primary care givers, hospitals and county agencies. While all trials have their own set of standard protocols, a basic combination of characteristics is clearly established for each, with purposes,

Outreach on important new information on AIDS will be, made on Sept. 22 from 7 to 9 p.m. at a town meeting of medical activists in the San Mateo County Health Services Building, 225 W. 37th Ave., where Dr. Thomas C. Merigan professor of Services Building, 225 W. 37th Ave., where Dr. Thomas C. Merigan, professor of medicine at the Stanford School of Medicine, and Dr. Dennis Israelski, medical director of the S.M. County AIDS Program, will give an update from the International AIDS Conference in Amsterdam, explain current HIV and AIDS clinical trials, treatments and directions; and present information on HIV and AIDS drug resistance. Dr. Gene Copello, Director of the S.M. County AIDS Program, will preside. Prospective attendees are asked to RSVP to (415) 364-6563 or (415) 573-2588. specifics of treatment, eligibility, benefits, and locations spelled out.

The patient-centered na-ture of the program is abun-dantly apparent in the consor-tium's Patient Guide where tums Fatient Guide where such matters as definitions, details on the drug being tried, risks (if any), time involved, and the impact of participation on the patient's daily life are outlined for prospective participants prior to any final commitment. It also lists some of the rewards of participation: access to free expert medical care and new treatments not available to the general public, plus the chance to help others by contributing to medical research.
Some studies even pay a token fee, such as the one to determine how the antibotics
Ciprofloxacin and Rifampin are absorbed and used by the body, which pays its participants \$100.

Trained and dedicated

More detailed concerns about the specifics of particular trials are answered by trained personnel such as Camp. A registered nurse who came from his training and initial experience in Dallas to the Stanford AIDS Clinical Trial Group and then to the consortium, where he has now spent three years, Camp explains his participation by saying "The HIV community is my community. I want to be able to speed approval of potentially effective proval of potentially effective treatments, which might eventually bring about a cure. My encounters encourage me to examine my own mortali-

to examine my own mortali-ty, and I repeatedly realize that I am giving back to the community."

A typical trial recently studied the effectiveness of the drug rifabutin as a pro-phylactic against the oppor-



Clinical Research Corodinator Brian Camp examines a clinical trail participant.

tunistic discorder MAC (Mycobacterium Avium Complex). Eligibility requirements required all participants to

have AIDS, a positive blood culture for MAC, plus prior antiviral therapy and PCP (Continued on page 21)

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National News

Legal Shark Attack On PWA Reported

by Dennis Conkin

Criminal and civil charges have been filed against a gay attorney charged with stealing more than \$40,000 from a client with AIDS.

The civil lawsuit, filed August 13 in Superior Court, alleges that Walter H. Caplan embezzled the money from Charles Cyberski, the owner of Male Entertainment Network, believing that he would outlive Cyberski and that the theft would be undetected.

According to the suit, Cyberski was hospitalized with a serious bacterial infection in December 1990, and had been advised by his physicians that

December 1990, and had been advised by his physicians that if he survived the infection he had less than six months to live. It alleges Caplan used the opportunity to exercise "undue influence" in assisting Cyberski with his will preparations and estate planning.

Under the terms of the will Caplan was named executor and a chief beneficiary, and was authorized to pur chase Cyberski's home, a pro-

chase Cyberski's home, a provision that came as a "complete surprise" to Cyberski.

The suit, filed by attorney Scott Gursky, representing Cyberski on behalf of the AIDS Legal Referral Plan, further alleges Caplan was under suspension from the State Bar of California and was prohibited from practice. State Bar of California and was prohibited from practicing law because of prior financial irregularities involving other clients at the time he acted as Cyberski's coursel. While continuing to represent himself as a lawyer to Cyberski, Caplan brought and the lawyer. I indeed the continuing to the co other lawyer, Linda Wilgus, to the hospital for the signing of the will. Wilgus, according to

the suit, was ostensibly there the surt, was ostensibly there to serve "as a witness," but Caplan surreptitiously attached a cover sheet to the will to made it appear that Wilgus had prepared the will and was Cyberski's attorney.

Last May, after another hospitilization for bacterial infection. Cyberski requested

fection, Cyberski requested Caplan negotiate a private home equity loan on Cyberski's house. The one year term loan of \$50,000 was guaranteed by a deed to the house and required a \$5,000 pre-pay

Caplan, according to the suit, suggested Cyberski give him the funds to place in a joint bank account, claiming to be concerned about the possibility of the onset of AIDS dementia in his client. Thereafter Caplan opened a checking account for Cyberski, but without the required two signatures, at a Bank of America branch office in Daly City and deposited more than \$44,000.

Cyberski, at Caplan's rejoint bank account, claiming

Cyberski, at Caplan's request, authorized two with-drawals from the account: one drawals from the account: one for \$2,500 to the lender of the funds as a "loan fee," and another for \$1,000. The suit alleges that there was no loan fee, that Caplan took the check made out to a third party and deposited it into his own account, and that he then drained the account of funds drained the account of funds with an automated teller ma-chine card over a five month

period.
When- Cyberski's health improved unexpectedly in the summer of 1991 he spoke to Caplan about his desire to take a greater role in monitor-ing and investing his finances, but was assured that the

funds were safe, that they were drawing interest, and that Caplan couldn't provide bank statements because the account was new or because he was too busy with his law

ractice.

Caplan's alleged embezzlement was discovered in May, 1992 when an investigator for the State Bar of California contacted Cyberski to inform him that Caplan had deposited the loan fee check made out to a third party in his personal bank account, and that he was suspended from practicing law.

Cyberski called the Bank Of America and was told that Caplan had transferred \$41, 310 of the funds into his personal transferred \$4

310 of the funds into his personal bank account.

The loan expired last month and Cyberski could face foreclosure of his home, although, according to State Bar of California spokesper-son Susan Scott, the agency

has a fund to cover such malfeasance by attorneys. Caplan was arrested at his Russian River home in June. He was found hiding from Sheriffs deputies in an up-stairs closet. He pleaded not guilty to the criminal charges in Superior Court. A trial date in the criminal charges is expected to be set

this month.

The civil suit, which also lists Bank of America and Linda Wilgus as defendants, seeks punitive damages for legal malpractice, breach of contract, fraud, and the intentional infliciton of emotional distress.

Activists Raise \$40,000 to Fight Anti-Gay Amendment in Oregon

by David O'Connor

\$40,000 through a July 25 walk-a-thon in their ongoing fight against a proposed antigay amendment to the state

gay amendment to the state constitution.

The Oregon Elections Office has verified some 115,629 signatures gathered in a petition drive to put the measure on the November ballot. With well over the 89,028 signatures required, the measure officially qualified for the statewide vote as Ballot Measure 9.

Backed by Oregon Citizens Alliance, the measure would amend the state constitution to exclude gays and lesbians from protection against dis-crimination under civil rights laws as well as prohibit the state from "encouraging, pro-moting or endorsing" homo-sexuality. The Freedom Walk drew 2,000 people to Portland. Proceeds will benefit No on 9, formerly Campaign for a Hate Free Oregon, an organization working to defeat the measure measure.

measure.

"We're in for a hell of a
dogfight and there's no guarantee that we'll win," activist
Susie Shepherd said. "People
thought there was no way
they could overturn Gov.
Goldschmidt's executive order and it happened. [Voters rescinded former Oregon Gov. Neil Goldschmidt's 1986 executive order barring dis crimination on the basis of sexual orientation in state government.] People around the country are starting to get the message that only envi-ronmentally is Oregon a pro-gressive state."

Shepherd said that Port-land's Pride parade in June

drew its biggest crowd ever, due in part to the threat that gays and lesbians face.

An Aug. 16 editorial in the New York Times called the measure "the strongest antihomosexual measure ever considered by a state" and predicted that it would "do for Oregon what David Duke did for Louisiana during his run for governor last year."

The Times reported that some businesses and convention groups outside the state

tion groups outside the state already have talked of boy-cotting Oregon if the measure

passes.

No on 9 plans more fundraisers as the November election draws closer and National Gay and Lesbian Task Force representative Kevin Berrill is touring the state to direct grass-roots organizing.

A Republican Disease

by Michael C. Botkin

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At this point it seems entirely possible that George Bush will lose the presidency this fall, a prospect I considered extremely unlikely as little as a year ago. There are a number of reasons why this might be so, and the pallavering pinheads of punditry have enumerated endlessly on this topic elsewhere: the Year of the Woman, the 30-year presidential election cycle, the disastrous state of the nation's economy, loss of the Ruskies as an Evil Empire, etc. Be that as it may, he sure looks like Dead Meat (even to his fellow Republicans) and this opens up the prospect of a Democratic administration and, presumably, an entirely new approach to AIDS. For AIDS has been, up until now, and entirely Republican disease.

The American response to

The American response to the virus has occurred, by fate or coincidence, completely within the 12-year Reagan/Bush era. We've nev-Reagan/Bush era. We've never had a chance to see how a Democrat would deal with the issue from the White House. Soon we may get that chance. While it is painfully obvious that no Democrat could ever match Bush's record of criminal negligence in confronting HIV, I'm not so sure that the change in regimes will lead to anywhere near as much progress in the war against AIDS as it ought to, or could.

ought to, or could.

But let's back up for a minute and look at why George can't run. A major fac-tor in Bush's startling decline that the pundits have pussy-footed around is his failing health. His personal physician Dr. Lee has repeatedly denied rumors that the pres isn't feeling so good — although he has acknowledged that George could really use a good, long vacation.

However, Bush has been stumbling and gaffing badly ever since he had his thyroid ever since he had his thyroid gland destroyed by radiation some month's ago. The thyroid regulates hormones that, in turn, determine how much energy you have (among other things). Bush's reputation for working 12-hour days may have been the result of nothing more than hyper-thyroidism. When he was diagnosed with Grave's disease (18 months after Barbara was, and 9 months after Millie the dog got the canine version dog got the canine version — not that I'm implying anything about the route of transmission here, but the chronology speaks for itself) his doctors decided to treat the disease by de-activating his thy-roid and giving him artificial hormones instead. Odds are that they were too eager to tamper, too confident about the hormones' ability to do his thyroid's work. It's a complex and poorly understood little organ, with a remark-able ability to act as a hyperable ability to act as a nyper-sensitive thermostat which re-sponds in seconds — or even milliseconds — to minute changes in body chemistry. Now doctors monitor the president's hormones instead,

but necessarily with a lag time of several hours, or days. By the time they've noticed an imbalance it's usually too late, and the pres has already blown chunks on a prime

minister or snapped the head off some poor POW widow.

Welcome To The Club

Ironically, his symptoms are very much like the fatigue common among HIVers. There you are, cruising along at your usual, pre-morbid speed and WHAMI, the energy cuts right off. When this happens, you're best just going with the flow and taking a nap. But Bush, pushed by the need to make up his lag in the polls, instead generally asks his house physician (the asks his house physician (the protesting too-much Dr. Lee) to shoot him up with some classy drug; say, Halcion. The net result, of course, is that he pushes himself too far and

ends up in even worse shape.
And the roughest part of
the campaign is yet to come.
Democratic presidential hopeful Paul Tsongas dropped out of the primary not just be-cause he ran out of money (and was, presumably, too fis-cally responsible to borrow it) but because he ran out of stamina. A cancer survivor

but because he ran out of stamina. A cancer survivor who, to the amazed contempt of the pundits, limited himself to an eight-hour campaign day, he eventually found even that pace was too hard to maintain. Bush, finding himself in the same dilemma, is determined to just muscle it through. He may kill himself in the process, leaving prince Danny to carry the GOP banner down to defeat.

Aside from his growing personal weakness and the failing economy, Bush is hampered by simple bad luck. The Fates seem to have turned against him, his fortunes have soured. He gets tear-gassed in Panama, Quayle aggressively misspells "potatoe", etc. Certainly no blow was heavier than the loss last year of GOP evil-genius Lee Atwater, mastermind of the blatantly racist "Willie Horton" approach that rescued Bush's floundering 1988 campaign. Ironically, Atwater appeared to have died from an AIDS-related lymphoma. (His death-bed warning to the Republicans, by the way, was that the party would lose in '92 unless it way, was that the party would lose in '92 unless it found a way to include the pro-choicers. Prophetic?) Several aspiring GOP

Several aspiring GOP sleaze-slingers are attempting to step into Atwater's shoes, e.g. campaign flak Mary Matalin (who tweaks Clinton for being over-weight and suffering from "bimbo eruptions"). But none of them have Atwater's consummate skill at trashing, and they come off looking like cheap, nasty amateurs. Even the pundits acknowledge that this

nasty amateurs. Even the pundits acknowledge that this time around it's the Democrats who look slick and the Republicans who can't seem to get it together. I try not to gloat too much about Atwater's timely death, or George's AIDS-like health limitations. But it is reassuring to reflect that, as much as AIDS has ravaged our community, the Grim Reaper does not discriminate; it only seems that way sometims seems that way sometimes because the fat-cat slimeballs are so often buried in the

Leadership vs. Genocide

So suppose the evil slime



get the boot; what effects will this have on the war against AIDS? For years the Rea-gan/Bush regime dragged their heels as much as possi-ble on fighting this disease. And we're talking about peo-ple who were experts at sab-otaging unwanted programs. ple who were experts at sabotaging unwanted programs, at putting the foxes in charge of the chicken coop. Deliberately hostile administrators were put over the Environmental Protection Agency, the Legal Services Corporation, and Health and Human Services. With AIDS they were spared the chore of dismantling an existing department, and only had to sit on

their hands and let the Virus

their hands and let the Virus do their dirty work.

A typical and telling example is the case of McGann vs. H & H Music company. When McGann, an employee, was diagnosed with AIDS his boss, H & H, simply and deliberately re-wrote its self-managed health insurance program to put a lifetime cap of \$5,000 on treating HIV! When challenged, they acknowledged that they did this specifically to exclude Mcspecifically to exclude McGann, but claimed that this was entirely their legal right.

The case has been fought up to the Department level, and has ended up as a conflict

between Health and Human Services, which argues that if H & H can get away with this then all private insurance is a joke, and the Department of Labor, which says forbidding such discrimination will hurt businesses. Department level disputes are typically resolved by the White House, which after all appoints the depart-ment heads and can remove any who fail to carry out its directives. But the Bush addirectives. But the Busn au-ministration has refused to take action, effectively allow-ing previous decisions in fa-vor of H & H to stand. Since the Republican (Continued on next page)

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U.S. Government Policy on Haitian Refugees Assailed

by Rachel Timoner

About 250 people welcomed a boat of Haitian refugees to the San Francisco port on Aug. 12 in a symbolic demonstration against the Bush administration's Haitian refugee policy.

Even though the refugees

Even though the refugees at the demonstration are all at least temporarily residing in the Bay Area and their boat originated in Oakland, all but four refugees were intercepted by the Coast Guard as they attempted to pull their boat up to a dock next to the Ferry Building.

As a Coast Guard helicopter hovered above, activists from the Bay Area Haitian American Council,

ACT UP/San Francisco, the Peace Navy, and several oth-er groups assailed what they called racist government poli-cies regarding Haitian

Since the successful military coup in Haiti against democratically elected President Jean Bertrand Aristide on Sept. 30, 1991, more than 2,500 Aristide supporters have been murdered by government forces and more than 38,000 refugees have fled the

country.
President Bush's executive order, which directs the Coast Guard to return all Haitian refugees to Haiti without hearing their case for political asylum, is currently in effect while the Supreme Court considers the legality of the is-

Activists call the policy a racist violation of internation-

racist violation of international law.

"We oppose the treatment of the Haitian refugees by the U.S. government altogether, because it's racism at work," said Nancy Solomon of ACT UP/San Francisco.

"It's particularly significant to ACT UP, because the refugees are being forcibly tested for HIV, with no confidentiality," and those that test HIV-positive are quarantined at the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, or sent back to Haiti, Solomon said.

"Forcible testing in some ses meant being pinned to



Samuel Alphonse (left) arrives in San Francisco Aug. 12 in a symbolic demonstration against the Bush administration's policy on Haitian refugees

the ground, and forcibly having blood taken from their veins," Solomon added. "If they can do that to Haitians, they can do it to queers."

According to the Haiti Reality Group of Roxbury, Mass, between 250 and 300 Haitians who tested positive for HIV are being held on a remote air strip at Guantanamo Naval Base in Cuba in prisoner camp conditions. Some have been there for close to a year. All have been screened twice, have met the U.S. government's criteria for political refugee status, have been declared as eligible for entry, but are being held because they are HIV-positive, according to the group.

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They are quarantined on the base in accordance with the United States' policy of denying entry to individuals who test positive for HIV antibodies. The Congress removed a controversial clause in the immigration law calling for the automatic blockage of aliens with AIDS when they revised it last fall, leaving the decision to the Secretary of Health and Human ing the decision to the Secre-tary of Health and Human Services, Dr. Louis Sullivan. Despite Sullivan's January ruling that HIV is not a com-

municable disease and should not be the grounds for barring refugees, the Justice Department, which oversees the Immigration and Naturaliza-tion Service, reversed that decision, on the grounds Sullivan failed to justify his posi-

tion.

According to ACT UP, the United States is joined by only six other countries worldwide, including China, Iraq, and Libya, in its policy of restricting HIV-positive tourists, immigrants, students, and foreign workers from entering the country.

tering the country.
Activists pledge to continue to step up pressure on the administration to reverse its policies of returning Haitian refugees without considering their cases for asylum and barring HIV-positive refugees

barring HIV-positive refugees from entry.

"I am very pleased to see the solidarity with our struggle. It makes me feel very welcome," said Samuel Alfonse, one of the refugees who made it ashore for the San Francisco rally. "Even though we feel safe now, our hearts are heavy and we are though we feel safe now, our hearts are heavy and we are very sad when we think of our sisters and brothers suffering in Haiti."



A boat of Haitian refugees traveled from Oakland to San Francisco Aug. 12 in support of Hai-

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HIV Watch

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"strategy" to solving the growing crisis in health care is to encourage private insurance, their disinterest in enforcing decent standards in those indecent standards in those insurance plans exposes their true attitude: the rich can purchase high-tech health care (like unnecessary thryoid removal), the poor can die.

Given the overall bent of the Democrats on health care, and in particular their determination to beleter amplorer.

mination to bolster employer-provided insurance, we can be confident that a Clinton be confident that a Clinton regime would stamp heavily on the type of sleazy cheating, practiced by H & H. In general, a Democratic administration would almost certainly herald a massive improvement in access to health care for the vast majority of people.

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But would a Democratic victory actually lead to any improvement in the present pace and direction of AIDS research? It's currently inhibited by a lack of leadership, swollen bureaucracies, and a confued macro for retrictive. confused mass of restrictive and contradictory regulations. Are the Demos any better than the GOP at shrinking bureaucracy or rationalizing regulatory policy? In fact, it's a block of Congressional Democrats (e.g. Waxman from Southern California, Dingle from Michigan, etc) who are spear-heading the drive for more regulation, and Danny Quayle's notorious Competitiveness Council who want to cut the red tape ("bad

want to cut the red tape ("bad for business").

And would the Demos actually appoint an "AIDS czar" like they currently claim? And who would it be, and what powers would s/he have? Could the czar demand that insurers pay for experimental treatments, take away drug development rights from a foot-dragging pharmaceutical corporation, insist on expanded access for unapproved drugs, allocate funds for vital research?

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Putting the right person in that job, and then backing them up fully, could trans-form the face of AIDS in this country, and save thousands (ultimately millions) of lives. Otherwise, we'd be left with better access to what treatbetter access to what treat-ments there are, but little hope of any research break-

hope of any research break-throughs.

Thus, for HIVers, there isn't much to choose in the coming election. Clinton of-fers some hope for improvement, while Bush can only be expected to dish up more of the same: passive genocide. ▼

Dignity Reads Vatican's Rosary Beads

by David O'Connor

When the Vatican's letter supporting discrimination against gays and lesbians made headlines last month, Dignity USA President Kevin Dignity USA President Kevin Calegari happened to be vacationing in Europe. Upon learning the letter instructed American bishops to work against legislation that would protect lesbians and gays from discrimination in employment, he made a beeline from Germany to Rome to register his outrage. In a first-ever meeting be-

register his outrage.

In a first-ever meeting between a member of Dignity and a Vatican spokesperson, Calegari called on the Roman Catholic hierarchy to get in step with the majority of U.S. Catholics: according to a Gallup poll released in June, 78 percent of U.S. Catholics favor equal employment rights for gays and lesbians.

Calegari said that the Vatican document was written by U.S. bishops and distributed

ican document was written by U.S. bishops and distributed from Rome. New Ways Ministry, a national Catholic organization promoting gay and lesbian rights, initially brought the memo to the attention of the public.

Calegari met with Monsignor Michael Swalina, an American priest and assistant to Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, who heads the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, which issued the letter.

which issued the letter.
"I said to him that I was

embarrassed to be a Roman Catholic," Calegari told the Bay Area Reporter upon his return to San Francisco. "But not embarrassed enough to leave. We're not going to let you have the satisfaction of driving us out of the church."

Inquisition Successor

In a letter addressed to Cardinal Ratzinger, Calegari wrote that the Vatican letter "speaks from the worst of our "speaks from the worst of our tradition, the part of our history which has burnt dissenters at the stake, silenced great thinkers, and denied women, the poor and the non-European rightful human dignity." He also noted Ratzinger's congregation is the successor to the Vatican the successor to the Vatican agency that carried out the bloody Holy Inquisition.

Calegari said he received little response from Swalina but was satisfied to simply respond to the church's discrimination. The meeting was not the beginning of a dialogue between Dignity and the Vatican, Calegari said, and a dialogue is not what Dignity. logue is not what Dignity wants.
"Dignity's agenda is not to

hope the pope changes his mind," Calegari said. "It's bigmind," Calegari sand. It's Dig-ger than that to give people a place to integrate spirituality and sexuality. By enriching people's lives we change the system."

Calegari believes Dignity's influence can be seen by the



Dignity USA President Kevin Calegari returns the Vatican's letter against gay and lesbian rights

growing number of gay-positive ministries around the United States. In fact, Calegari said, the letter itself is proof of the growing influence of lesbians and gays.

Calegari believes the church hierarchy is "terrified" of the gay and lesbian move-

ment.
"We are proud of exactly what makes them ashamed," he said. "We say being gay is a gift. This document is the handiwork of people filled with fear and hate. The battle that we fight in the streets, it's a battle of words as well."

After the Vatican meeting, Calegari traveled to Washington, D.C. where Dignity held a press conference outside the headquarters of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops on Aug. 3.

Dignity called on the NCCB to repudiate the Vatican document at its annual meeting in November, and demanded the bishops support gay and lesbian rights legislation.

Dignity plans a national public information and awareness blitz in October, in

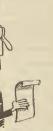
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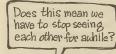
meeting. The group also plans to demonstrate at the meeting to call attention to lesbian and gay victims of hate crimes.

hate crimes.

Calegari said that he believes most Catholics won't be influenced by the Vatican document, which he described as "an example of the church fighting a battle that's already lost. On the issue of lesbian and gay rights and equality, people are going to look at their bishops and nod... and turn around and think for themselves."

The Vatican says that homosexuality is wrong. It says that homosexuals are immoral.







Contra Costa County Bets on the Future

lake is the perfect set-ting for the seventh an-nual Casino Night benefit to fight AIDS, "Betting on the Future," to be held Aug. 29 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pacific Bell Corporate Headquarters at Bishop Ranch in San Ramon.

The Gala event — which organizers promise will be both elegant and entertaining
— features a champagne reception accompanied by the piano music of Liz Dufour, a buffet dinner and dessert bar, no host bar, the singing of Samantha Samuels, music and dancing

with the 16-piece orchestra, Tongue 'N Chic, and four hours of casino gaming with profes-

sional dealers and equipment.
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are included in the \$85 ticket are included in the \$85 ticket price. It's a chance to learn to play blackjack, craps and roulette, and to win cash and prizes as well. Slot machines, door prizes, a silent auction and raffles offer additional opportunities to take a gamble for a good cause, and vacation give-aways include a wide range of trips, from London to Tahoe and Mendocino.

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Having just missed his 50th birthday dinner, we will instead have a memorial gathering at Gerald's on Sunday, Aug 23, from 1-5 p.m. at 1007 Haight #2, SF. For further information call (510) 444-2553 or (415) 776-8960.

Donations are preferred to the Shanti Project, AIDS Emergency Fund, Goddard College or GLAAD. ▼

David Keefer

Sept. 17, 1960-Aug. 5, 1992



ing a one-year fight with AIDS.

longtime friend Paul Underwood.
David was filled with a quiet grace and had a physical beauty that enamored many to him. Over Memorial Day weekend in 1985 David and Paul met as David stood in line to board an airplane at SFO. Thus began a 2½-year relationship that Paul will always treasure as David's daddy, boyfriend, and best friend. David moved to San Francisco back to Seattle in 1988. We will miss you, your sweetness, hig heart and wonderful smile.

A celebration of David's life will take place in late August in Seattle. For fur

place in late August in Seattle. For fur-ther information, call 285-3958. His ashes have been equally divided bet-ween his parents, sister, Kathy and Paul.

The Rev. Floyd Randall Hill

June 30, 1941-Aug. 1, 1992

June 30, 1941-Aug. 1, 1992

To the many friends of Hosanna Church of Praise and Necessities and More, Inc., or beloved leader, Rev. Floyd Randall Hill entered his eternal rest on Aug. 1 at 8:20 p.m. from an AIDS-related condition. At the time of his passing, by his side were his lover of 10 years, Marc Johnson; his mother, Norma Hill; and his few close friends.

The Rev. Hill was the founder and executive director of Necessities and More, Inc (an organization which helps

More, Inc. (an organization which helps PWAs). Pastor Hill also founded Hosanna Church of Praise (a charismatic-evangelical church ministering to

evangelical church ministering to gay/lesbian persons).

Because of the love that the com-munity had for Pastor Hill, a memorial service has been planned and is being held at the First United Methodist Church, 24 N. Fifth St., San Jose, on Sat., Aug 29, at 11 a.m. (near the corner of Santa Clara and Fifth streets). All who loved thim are invited. who loved him are invited

who loved him are invited.

Pastor Randy was as close as your telephone and always had the right words to say. He had love, tact, wisdom and was full of kindness. He helped in feeding the homeless, caring for PWAs and had a genuine love for those less fortunate than himself. He will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved him. Randy, if you're listening and I have a feeling you are, Hosanna and Necessities miss you so very much, but we look forward to seeing you one day in the not-too-distant future.

day in the not-too-distant future. For those who would like to send flowers or cards, please send them to Hosanna Church of Praise, 24 N. Fifth St., San Jose, CA 95112, or if you care to make a cash donation, a memorial fund has been set up in memory to Pastor Hill through Necessities and More, Inc.

Mike D. Mauch

Sept. 7, 1953-July 31, 1992

Sept. 7, 1953 – July 31, 1992

Mike has passed into the light. With him as he passed were his loving mother, sister Marsha and her husband Randy. Their love and support gave Mike was beloved and very active in the Royal, Leather, and Uniform communities of San Francisco, Seattle and Los Angeles. We will all miss you – love you, Tim, Dennis and Scott.

Mike was buried, as to his wishes, in Wapatoe, Wash, close to his father, who preceded him into the light. Please send memorials to your favorite AIDS charity.

Bill Graham

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In Graham

Im Benjamin) Graham, a influential leader
in the Bay Area's
gay spiritual and
cultural communities, died
peacefully on the
evening of Guru
Purnimah, July
14, at Ralph K.
Davies Medical
Certer from AIDS Center from AIDS complications. He was 46.
and director of

was 40.

Bill was founder and director of Ayurweda Health and Education Resources of San Francisco, a center dedicated since 1987 to healing and meeting the needs of people affected by HIV disease. He was also a founding member of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulence, and an early and active and an early and active. dulgence, and an early and active member of the S.F. Gay Men's Chorus.

As a meditation teacher, Bill in-structed thousands of students in the structed thousands of students in the technique of Trancendental Meditation. In the 1970s and early 1980s, he recognized among many gay men a deep spiritual yeraning amidst the hedonistic pleasures available in San Francisco. In response he instituted a series of regular weekend meditation retreats for eay men and their friends. series of regular weekend meditation retreats for gay men and their friends, providing opportunities for the bonds of community to strengthen and deepen in ways that would later prove indispensable with the arrival of the AIDS

pandeme.
Adopting the roles of facilitator, spiritual advisor and den mother, Bill would preside over the gatherings of meditators every few months, dispensing instruction and encouragement with unfailing compassion and good humor. He was blessed with a gift for creating spaces in which each partici-pant could cultivate his noblest and gayest attributes simultaneously. Bill never wavered in the belief that each in-dividual's pursuit of a spiritual path was of essential benefit to the entire com-

of essential benefit to the entire community.

Bill graduated in 1967 from Middlebury College in Vermont, where he majored in languages. He was extremely fluent in French and Spanish, able to practice with great subtlety as a meditation instructor in those languages as well as English. After a brief period of residence in New York City, he drove the first of several automobile pilgrimages across the United States, and took up residence in the Castro in 1968.

For a time he served as Director of the San Francisco Trancendental Meditation Center. In the later 1970s he traveled to India where he served as an administrator at the ashram of

Meditation Center, in the later 197/8 he traveled to India where he served as an administrator at the ashram of Maharishi Mahesh Yogi in Rishikesh. He returned to San Francisco in 1979, and on Labor Day weekend of that year attended the first Spiritual Conference for Radical Faeries at a Sonora Desert ashram outside of Tucson, Ariz.

It was during this period that Bill immersed himself in the gay cultural life of the city, singing with the S.F. Gay Men's Chorus as well as its Chamber Singers and Men About Town groups. He is survived by parents, William and Dorothy Graham, of Wilmington, Del; brother Robert of Wisconsin; lover Chuck Haines, and a large circle of friends On Saturday, Aug. 29, a celebration of the life of Bill Graham will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. at 573 and 577 Page Street (at Fillmore). Those wishing to bring mementoes are encouraged. For information or if intervishing to bring mementoes are en ouraged. For information or if inten ding to bring memorabilia, please contact Joe at 281-0533. ▼

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Former San Francisco resident Fred Hardt, 54, died of AIDS complications on July 31 at Desert Hospital in Palm Springs. A funeral service was conducted Aug. 4 at Church of 5t. Paul in the Desert (Palm Springs) and a memorial service with bagpipers was held there Aug. 16. His ashes will be inurned at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco in a niche he had selected. He is survived by his sister Mary Hedges and survived by his sister Mary Hedges and brother Alfred Hardt, both in Bandon, Ore. Donations in his memory to the Desert AIDS Project, 750 Vella Road, Palm Springs, CA 92264, would be ap-

Ore. Donations in his memory to the Desert AIDS Project, 750 Vella Road, Palm Springs, CA 92264, would be appreciated.

Born in Milwaukee, Wisc., Fred grew up there but graduated from high school in Atherton, Calif., where his family had moved in his mid-teens. He settled in San Francisco and remodeled Victorian homes for a time, then joined with Kevin Harper in forming Kevin-Frederick Display Co. creating window exhibits for Stevens Fabric Co outlets around the Bay Area. He was also prominent in Society for Individual Rights (SIR), one of the city's first large gay rights organizations, and served as chair of their building committee. Relocating to Palm Springs in 1979, Fred owned and operated Pines West Hotel on North Indian Ave. catering to a gay male clientele. As the AIDS epidemic began to be felt in the Coachella Valley during the mid-1980s, he announced plans to turn to the hotel into a hospice for PWAs. Actually, several AIDS patients were already staying there on monthly rentals. The news rocked the Palm Springs area. TV stations, national media and even the CBS program "60 Minutes" devoted a segment to it. As the controversy reverberated through the desert, the Chamber of Commerce registered displeasure at having Palm Springs pictured as a haven for dying AIDS patients and stifling the "fun in the sun" tourist trade. Then-Mayor Frank Bogert, complete with cowboy boots, hat and folksy demeanor, gave interviews exposing his bigotry against PWAs and gays. Eventually, Fred's plan for the hospice fell through, he turned the Pines West into a residential Desert Bunk and Boarding Co, then sold it and managed a nearby apartment house. More recently, he had worked at Kayo's Flowers Fashions in Palm Springs.

Bunk and Boarding Co, then sold it and managed a nearby apartment house. More recently, he had worked at Kayo's Flowers Fashions in Palm Springs. A very religious man, Fred had been involved with the Metropolitan Community Church when it began in Palm Springs, founded the Desert Business Association, was on its board of directors and served as first president, and had recently been very active in the local Alcoholics Anonymous chapter.

Marie Joann DeCicco

Aug. 4, 1937-June 27, 1992 Marie died peacefully in her son's



arms from a short but courageous two-week battle from lung cancer in Phoe-nix, Ariz. It is believed that the cancer was pre-sent but not de-tected until that

Chicago, the fam ily moved to Phoenix, Ariz., in 1974

ily moved to Phoenix, Ariz, in 1974 where she was a key punch operator and her husband worked in a foundry. Her life began to change in 1979 when her son Mark came out. If opened new doors for both of them. In early 1981 her only son moved to SF and from then on she visited twice a year.

SF became her favorite place where she had fun and could be herself with so many of — as she called them — "her boyfriends." Back then she could be seen at the Trocadero. Alfrés Suzzby Seen at the Trocadero. Alfrés Suzzby S

boyfriends." Back then she could be seen at the Trocadero, Alfrés, Buzzby's and the Castro with the boys.

Her last visit was in 89 when she was the first mother to march with the South Bay Leather Group for the parade. She even wore her son's leather. She was a wonderful woman who cared for all. She will be missed but not forgotten. forgotten.

She is survived by her husband of 32 Since is survived by net russiand of 32 years, Anthony; mother, Mary; neighbor Sue; stepmother and kids; brother Richard and her loving son Mark.

A memorial service will be held here in SF on Aug. 30. Call 431-3878 for more information.

Tim Nieman

Tim Nieman p



Hospice July 23.
Tim was always the most fun, entertaining at his elaborate dinner parties, giving any excuse to ing any excuse to hold a party, holiday no exholiday no ex-ception. He was an avid antique and orchid col-lector, and also ner of Tim Nieman Hair Design of

Burlingame.

Tim is survived by his family members: Earl and Anne Nieman, of Sandy, Utah; John Nieman of Salt Lake City, Utah; and Tom Nieman of Tucson, Ariz. He is also survived by his close friends Edna Lockhardt, David Romero and John Bennie and numerous friends

and clients.

Tim fought a long and courageous battle of his illness, never giving up. We wish to thank Dr. Gillmore of Mr. Zion Medical Center of UCSF, Visiting Nurses and Hospice, and Maitri Hospice. Donations in his memory may be sent to Maitri Hospice, c/o Maura Williams, 61 Hartford St., SF, CA 94114. Contact John Bennie at 368-4247 for memorial observance. memorial observance.

There is a legend about a bird that sings just once in its life. From the moment it leaves the nest it searches for a thorn tree and never rests until it's found one. Then it sings more sweetly than any other creature on the face of the earth and, while singing, impales itself on the longest, sharpest thorn. But as it dies'it rises above its own agony to outsing the lark and the nightingale. The thornbird pays with its life for just one song. But the whole world stills to listen, and God in His heaven smiles, for the best is only bought at the cost of great pain. ment it leaves the nest it searches for a

We love and miss you, dear friend. ▼

Frederick Jon Kunkel (Jon) April 20, 1947-Aug. 11, 1992

Ion passed through to the light at 7:50



time.
Jon is survived
by his wife and
lover, Cheryl;
daughters Sara
and Laura; his
son Dana; two
grandchildren
Lared and Ash.

grandchildren Jared and Ashleigh; and dearest friends Brenda, Paul, Tom, Jimmy, Jaime, Mark, Bruce, Brian and Ben. Jon's family in NY. includes Mickey and Charlie, Connie, Cathy, Coleen, Doug and Dick, Fred and Rozilla and Dorothy. He will be missed and is dearly loved by his youngest sister Susie. Jon's passions included his RX7, the movies, ballet and dancing. He was able to fulfill one of his dreams when he attended the American Academy of

to fulfill one of his dreams when he attended the American Academy of
Dramatic Arts in Los Angeles.
After attending St. Bonnaventure in
NY, for a year, Jon obtained an AA from
PBJC, and then a BS from Florida Atlantic University, Jon had a long career
in data processing, starting at IBM,
ESPRIT and finishing at the Harper
Groun.

norial service will be h p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, at St. Francis Lutheran Church (wheelchair access), 152 Church St. The family will receive after the service at 544 Church #201, from 7-8 p.m. ▼

Eduardo Ciocca (Lalo) Aug. 15, 1956-June 26, 1992

Born in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico,
Lalo came to SF
in 1979. He at
tended Marinellos School, where



he received his degree in hair

and Daddy James; and his lover Jorge

Michell.

Donations can be made in his name to Project Open Hand, 2720 17th St., SF, CA 94110. ▼

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Fred Hilliard/Frieda Oct. 19, 1927-Aug. 11, 1992

Truly the most regal of the Empresses of the Great Mother Empire of San Francisco left us on Tuesday, Aug. 11, 1992, to join Elizabeth One, Cleopatra, Catherine the Great and Victoria in the Empire in the Sky. Once arriving there those former monarchs can those former monarchs can just move aside because the San Francisco potentate will surely rule the roost and every-thing around it.

Frieda was elected as the Ninth Empress of San Francisco in 1974 by a majority of one vote. She was our first black Empress and was an absolute ruler although she rebelled at having the word "absolute" in her title. She said she was a dowager and insisted upon that style in her title. Frieda had very strong opinions and was not easily swayed, as those who have seen her hold court and numerous other establishments in our city (and nation) can so testify. She demanded and received obedience, loyalty, fealty and responsibility, and would accept nothing less. "Pay homage or be expelled" was her motto, and it prevailed not only during her reign but

not only during her reign but long afterward.

Born in an area near Newark, N.J., on Oct. 19, 1927, as Fred Hilliard, he attended Nursing School in New York before moving here in the early '50s. He was a member of ly '50s. He was a member of the Professional Nursing Asso-ciation of San Francisco and worked for a time in the University of California Medical Center before he decided to go into private practice. One of his last patients before he retired some 14 years ago was Dr. Feinstein, the husband of our former mayor, Dianne Fein-

During her last 13 years Frieda had been hospitalized many times with heart problems, but his latest illness and the cause of his demise was kidney failure. Shortly before his death, Empress One, Jose, the Grand Mere, stopped in to visit him at the hospital. Frieda sent word out that she was "not receiving" today and Jose had to come by the next day and wait several



hours to be "received." When Empress Ginger, now the Im-perial Grandma, first became interested in the "trip," it was during Frieda's reign. Ginger, then known as a mere com-moner, Bill, rented a limousine to take Frieda to the airport to receive out-of-town guests. Frieda treated him exactly as a chauffeur, requiring him to open doors, assist her, etc., and fully expected all of the services provided to her. She was the Empress, and "What an

Frieda was very active in the Tavern Guild and served in a number of its offices. She was an effectual leader in that as well as many other organiza-tions in our fair city, and she will be truly missed as one of the great legends of San Fran-

She was cremated at Comin-sky-Roche and her remains have been returned to New Jersey to reside beside her de-parted parents. Although there will be no funeral services here in San Francisco, there will be a celebration of life for Frieda at the Kokpit, 301 Turk St., on Sunday, Aug. 23, from 1 to 4 p.m. ▼

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Joel Redensek

Nov. 19, 1955-Aug. 6, 1992



Humboldt Couny died quietly in of Aug. 6 in his at Miranda after a 4½-year battle with AIDS. His partner of 14 years, Bob Smith, was at his side A native of Montana, Joel

Montana, Joel spent the summers of his youth with his cowboy grandfather, from whom he learned the finer points of gardening, jam making, swing dancing, and barroom protocol. After a tour in the Navy, he moved to San Francisco in 1977 and settled in the Garberville area in 1979. He divided his time between the quiet of the north country and wild times in the city, where he worked as a chef and enjoyed meeting friends at the Men's Room.

Room.

Although he grew thin and frail, Joel remained feisty and independent up to the very end. He was fortunate to have the love and practical assistance of many friends and neighbors, especially Jim Rose of San Francisco; Dan Ferguson and Joey Avila of Miranda; and Liesta Montgomery, Michelle Arel, and Sharon Laurence of Humboldt County, Joel's gentle spirit will be dearly missed by his mother, Hazel, and aunt Alta; grandmothers Natalena ly missed by his monter, nazer, and aunt Alta; grandmothers Natalena Redensek and Delores Silk; sisters Dolores, Jeannette, and Jonnie Dawn; brother James; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. His courage and good-heartedness will be an example for us all.

Ivan Wayne Maggard 1955-1992



Francisco. Van loved life

and living it. He will be remembered as one of those people you meet and like immediately. Van actively participated on the spiritual path of Eckankar, the Religion of the Light and Sound of God.
His involvement with the local Eckan-kar Center blessed him with many

Van worked for the Bank of California up until April 1992 when his illness required him to quit. Van was preceded in death by partner Lance Taylor and his father, Preston Maggard.

Van spent the last several years of life with his partner Michael Luke. Van's mother, Iona, was here in the city during his last illness. He is also survived by his sister Bonita, brother Ervin and many friends.

A memorial service is planned for Saturday evening, Aug. 22. Friends may call Michael for details.

John Roger McNamara June 7, 1938-June 28, 1992



at his home in Seattle with his partner, friend and lover of 16 years, Kevin Meu-nier, at his side. Born, some of us believe, talk-

Mass.

A self-described tough Irish punk, Mac cruised through the '50s and '60s on a Triumph motorcycle and behind the wheel of any fast car he could get his hands on. But even back then, behind a studied James-Dean-hard-knocks exterior, a gentle spirit and soft heart flourished. John's acquaintances, friends and good times in Boston were many.

many.

San Francisco beckoned in the 1970s, and like so many others, Mac and Kevin answered the call becoming part of that great gay migration, and living its promise without robust pleasure.

Tales of The City-like adventures eventually led to Seattle in the spring of 1989.

The specter of AIDS was difficult for John to face, as he was fiercely independent and often boasted that he had never been sick a day in his life.

John struggled with his illness for nearly a year, and was greatly moved by the many hands and loving support extended to him. These new and special friends included volunteers and staff from Shanti, Catholic AIDS Ministry, New Core Concepts, The Chicken Soup Brigade and the NW AIDS Foundation. John experienced much healing during this period and he died at peace with himself and the world around him, and God.

For those of us who know and loved

God.

For those of us who know and loved him, old boats and bikes, a good game of pool, fast talk, rodeo and western russic will never be the same without Mac. But we will take pleasure in these things and remembering him.

Al Parker



Adult film star Al Parker died Aug. 17. A com-plete obituary will appear in week's

Kevin Coates

Feb. 26, 1953-June 23, 1992

Feb. 26, 1953 – June 23, 1992
Born in Berwyn, Ill., Kevin passed away at the V.A. Hospital in Palo Alto on June 23. He had been involved in HIV study programs since the day he tested positive. His study programs included San Diego State University, Stanford University and the V.A. Medical Center in Palo Alto. Kevin's mental battle with HIV was a long road, yet his physical battle was short compared to most. Regardless of the battles, he always remained positive, saying that dying with AIDS hasn't been without its rewards. Kevin is survived by his parents, George and Isabelle Coates, of Phoenix, Ariz, his children Jennifer and Kevin, Jr., of Los Gatos, Calif; and his lifemate and companion Tab Holquin of Phoenix, Ariz.

nix, Ariz.

Kevin, a loving, gentle and tender man, with a true appreciation for the simplicities in life, was laid to rest at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Phoenix, Ariz., on June 30. ▼

Steven Robert **Hemming Erickson**



who had nevertheless conceded the inevitable defeat to the horror of AIDS much earlier. His last 48 hours were relatively peaceful and uncharacteristically submissive to the merciless disease. Except for an occasional tear tracing down his cheek, he let the inexorable finish we had dreaded release his dear soul from that spent, earthly frame ... and we were left with the incredible reality that he was gone. The silence, the emptiness were stunning. The healing process for his devoted friends continues in the wake of more deaths in a dream-like, surreal sequence that numbs beyond belief. The unceasing support and loving care he received from a staff of tireless people at Coming Home Hospice can never be adequately praised or sufficiently thanked. He was comforted when one would not have believed it possible.

This Sunday, Aug. 23, at 12 noon, we ask his friends and acquaintances to join

possible.

This Sunday, Aug. 23, at 12 noon, we ask his friends and acquaintances to join us for a celebration of his release from his body's despair. We will commence at his favorite watering hole, the Badlands, and proceed from there to scatter his ashes as he had wished. We invite your participation in this memorial to Steven. ▼

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Darrell Gene Hunt (aka Sister Psychedelia) July 9, 1959-Aug. 10, 1992



ing by his roommate Donnie Kline on July 10, 1992, and fellow sister Pierre Nadeau on Aug. 1, 1992. As well as his dynamic personality, Darrell was known for his incredible collection of religious artifacts and curios. He was also a body piercing and tattoo enthusiast/spokesperson and was featured in videos as well as the book "Modern Primitives" As an adventurist and daredevil, Darrell was an accom-

plished world traveler and was very captivating with stories of his ex

captivating with stories of his experiences.

Because he was an activist, Darrell
entered the order of the Sisters of
Perpetual Indulgence. First known as
"Sister Sushi," he was later transformed
into "Sister Psychedelia" in honor of his
Haight/Ashbury experiences. As Sr.
"Psycho," Darrell was pivotal in such
spectacular events as "Angels in White
Face," "High Mass/Investiture," "The
Sisters Present, Castro Halloween," and
"The Sisters on Tour in Europe."
Despite these accomplishments,
"Psycho" was best known for his
fabulous nuns' outfits (thanks be to
Deborah Wynn).
Darrell will be sorely missed by his
fellow Sisters of SPI, special friends
Paula Richardson, Joey Poole, Geoff
Moses and all the very special folks at
"What the Moon Saw" on Haight
Street, his sister Sherril Wilson and
brothers Dene and Edward Hunt and
so many others.
Donations may be sett to the AIDS

Donations may be sent to the AIDS Emergency Fund or to the Lyon-Martin Clinic. so many others.
Donations ma



Howard Okorofsky

friends, Howard passed on from AIDS on Aug. 2, sharing his cour-age, dignity and

peace.
A native of New York state, Howard lived in San Francisco, his home and favorite city, for most of his professional life.

fessional life.
Howard received his initial degree and training as a physical therapist, subsequently earning an MBA. As a career professional, he served as a health-care administrator for Hillhaven Corporation. tion, gaining the respect and friendship

of his many colleagues. Howard's optimism, spirit for life, in-

of his many colleagues. Howard's optimism, spirit for life, intelligence, generosity, sincerity, and most of all friendship will be missed by all whose lives he touched. He always gave to others and had a wide circle of close friends on both the East and West Coasts.

He is survived by his mother, Mae Okorofsky; brother Stuart Okorofsky; sister Barbara Katzmar, nephews Jason and Adam; and niece Jennifer.

Howard supported many AIDS-related groups during the past years, including delivering meals for Project Open Hand and speaking to school youth for the Jewish Community Services. Donations may be made in his name to a local AIDS group.

All are invited to a memorial celebration of Howard's life on Aug. 29, 12-2 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St., SE.*

Dallas F. Reichstein, Jr. Nov. 24, 1930-Aug. 9, 1992



Dallas was born and raised in Southern Cali fornia and after a tint in the Army he moved to Sar Francisco in the

he moved to San Francisco in the early '60s.
He was imaginative and creative, wise and rebellious, and a dedicated and generous friend. He loved beauty. He cooked like a master chef, and the dishes he prepared looked as great as they tasted. Many people in the Bay Area are lucky to have lush and colorful gardens that he designed. A jack of all trades, he also bred dogs for several years in Marin County and dabbled in antique restoration and costumes.
Dallas loved people and had friends of all ages, gay and straight. Dallas worked for a number of years at the On the Levee, Off the Levey and Jackson's bar and was the star bartender at each place he was employed. After retiring from the bar scene, but still wanting to work around people, he became man-

work around people, he became man-ager of the 24th Street Laundromat. Many of us spent hours there talking to him about books, music, theater, politics and relationships or just "dishing the

and relationships or just "dishing the dirt."
We will miss him.
Dallas is survived by his extended family of friends.
Donations can be made in his name to the AIDS Emergency Fund.
There will be a memorial service for Dallas at Duggans Funeral on Saturday, Aug. 22, at 12:30 pm. at 3434 17th St. in SF. This will be followed by a reception at the Blue Muse on Gough Street. For more information call Houston at 821-1027 or Jim or Barry at 864-7719. ▼

Obituary Policy

Due to an unfortunately large number of obituaries, Bay Area Reporter has been forced to change its obituary

We must now restrict obits to 200 words. And please, no poetry. We reserve the right to edit for style, clarity, grammar, and taste.

Write name of person on back of photo. If you include a stamped envelope to have the photo returned, please write the person's name on the inside of the envelope flap.

Deadline for all obituaries is Monday at 5 p.m.

2% of U.S. AIDS Now in Preteens

by Vicky Greenbaum

In a move to further educate women about AIDS, the UCSF AIDS Health Project UCSF AIDS Health Project has released a research up-date for the California De-partment of Health Services' Office of AIDS that indicates as many as 80,000 American women of childbearing age could be infected with HIV. Among the other statistics reported in HIV Counselor Perspectives is that as of

reported in HIV Counselor Perspectives is that as of March 1992, children under the age of thirteen accounted for two percent of known AIDS cases in the United States. For these children, mostly born since the onset of the AIDS epidemic in America, HIV may have been transmitted perinatally (during pregnancy), during delivery, or after birth, generally through HIV-infected breast milk in all, clinicians generally helium them.

milk. In all, clinicians generally believe there is a 25 percent probability of HIV transmission to children born to seropositive women.

"A woman can be infected while pregnant, and the fetus can then be infected. Therefore, it is necessary for pregnant women to avoid unsafe. nant women to avoid unsafe risk behaviors," counsels the research update.

Unreliable Infant Testing

Early detection of HIV in infants is difficult, since the usual testing methods are unreliable in newborns: for the first twelve to fifteen

months of life, according to the AIDS Health Project, a baby may continue to have its mother's antibodies, whether the child is infected with HIV or not. The baby will develop its own antibodies after the 15th month, after which the virus may be detected. Unfor-tunately, by the time a baby's tunately, by the time a baby's health is known to be jeopar-dized by HIV, it may be too late to avert or postpone seri-ous illness and death. Researchers cited in HIV

Counselor Perspectives be-lieve HIV-related disease progresses more rapidly in in-fants than in adults; one study found 20 percent of HIV postive infants developed serious HIV-related illnesses within the first eighteen months of life.

The FDA has approved

The FDA has approved AZT treatment for children and infants at least three months old who show symptoms of disease or abnormal laboratory test results. AZT treatment has proven as effective in children as adults.

treatment has proven as effective in children as adults.

The report stresses that "most groups, including the federal Centers for Disease Control, recommend voluntary HIV counseling and testing for all women of childbearing age who are at risk for HIV infection."

For information, and a

for HIV infection."
For information and a copy of the "Pregnancy and HIV" issue (Volume 2 No. 3) of HIV Counselor Perspectives, contact the AIDS Health Project at (415) 476-6430.

What Bush Would Say To Gay Grandchild

By CLIFF O'NEILL

WASHINGTON - President Bush told a national television audience August 11 that he views homosexuality as "not normal" and said that,

that he views homosexuality as "not normal" and said that, if confronted with a gay grandchild, he would advise him or her not to "advocate" the homosexual "life style."

Bush made his comments in an interview with NBC's Stone Phillips, fast on the heels of much publicized statements on how he would treat a granddaughter who chose to have an abortion.

Phillips asked Bush what he would do if a grandchild came to him and told him that he or she was gay.

"I'd love that child," he said. "I would put my arm around him and hope he wouldn't go out and try to convince people that this was a normal life style, that this was the way it ought to be.

"But I, I — you know, for me, I think the Bible teaches compassion and love. But I would say I hope you wouldn't become an advocate for a life style that in my view is not normal, and profor a life style that in my view is not normal, and propose marriages, same marriages is a, normal way of

life.
"I'm don't — I'm not — I don't favor that."
The comments are the sec-

that Bush has taken a public forum to roundly call gay men and lesbians not "normal." In an interview with the New York Times recently Bush criticized same sex parents as being not "normal" and publicly expressed his support for the standing Pentagon ban on gay and lesbian members of the uniformed service. service.,

YOU KNOW, FOR ME, I THINK THE BIBLE TEACHES COMPASSION, BUT...'

In efforts to bolster his wavering support with the far right, in recent months Bush has taken these opportunities to align himself with the antigay view of religious conservatives

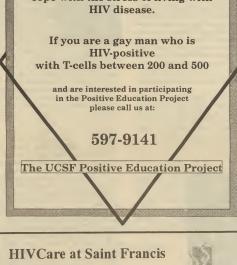
Despite that and his sup-port from hard core evangelport from hard core evangelicals Rev. Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson, many other conservative anti-gay activists have repeatedly chastised Bush for being too open to gay and lesbian rights.

Most recently, this criticism came towards Vice President Dan Quayle for his response to charges of anti-gay discrimination in the Rush/Orayle reelection came

Bush/Quayle reelection cam-

Quayle was being ques-tioned by CNN talk show

(Continued on page 23)



Feeling down?

The UCSF Positive Education Project is conducting education groups to help HIV-positive, gay men cope with the stress of living with

Memorial Hospital **Announces Patient** Recrutiment for the **Following Studies:**



AZT versus INTRON A (Alpha Interferon) For people who have between 200 and 500 T4 cells and have never taken AZT or have been on AZT for less than 6 months. AZT and Intron A are provided at no cost to patient.

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For people who have between 200 and 500 T4 cells, have been on AZT for at least 9 months and have never tried GLQ223 or Compound Q before. GLQ223 and AZT are provided at no cost to patient.

DaunoXome versus Combination Chemotherapy (Adriamycin, Bleomycin and Vincristine) For people with Kaposi's sarcoma and at least 5 untreated lesions. DuaunoXome is provided at no cost to patient.

. Itraconazole versus Fluconazole

For people with AIDS related Cryptococcal Meningitis. There are two studies, one for Treatment and one for maintenance to prevent relapse. Itraconazole and Fluconazole are provided at no cost to patient

For more information about these and other studies contact HIVCare Client Coordinator Drew Catapano at (415) 353-6215. HIVCare is a program of Saint Francis Memorial Hospital, 900 Hyde Street, San Francisco.

GLAAD Media Watch

Dr. Dean

Compiled by Hollie Conley

n August 9 the KGO-TV program Doctor Dean, hosted by Dr. Dean Edell, told parents "How to be a loving parent to a gay child." Appearing were a gay and a lesbian teenager, both of whom were allowed to speak for themselves about their ex-periences in coming out and periences in coming out, and in dealing with the reactions in dealing with the reactions of peers, parents and teachers. Also appearing was the supportive mother of a gay male teen, and a therapist who helps families overcome homophobia. Dr. Edell provided important background with statistics on problems like suicide, and substrance abuse. cide and substance abuse among lesbian and gay young people, and stressed the urgenamong resonan and gay young people, and stressed the urgency of dealing with problems at their source by educating all parents and young people about sexual orientation. He closed the show by saying that "the best advice for the parent of a gay child is the same as for the parent of a straight child: love them for what they are, not for what you wish they could be."

Please write a note of support for this excellent show, and ask for more shows from Dr. Edell on sexual orientation issues. Write to both Dr. Dean Edell and Jim Topping, President, at KGOTV 7, 900 Front Street, San Francisco CA 94111, tel. 415-954-7777.

Time

Time

The August 15 Time Maga-The August 15 Time Magazine contained both good and bad articles on our community's issues. On the positive side was a three page feature by Anastasia Toufexis entitled "Bisexuality: What is it?" which discussed the growth of the bisexual community, and the Disexual community, and the prejudices that bisexuals face from lesbian, gay and straight peoples. The article, which was refreshingly free of moralizing, dipped into history, biology, sociology and zoology to give readers an idea of the incredible diversity of human and animal sexual expenses. the incredible diversity of human and animal sexual expression, and of the wide range of cultural responses to different sexual orientations and behaviors. Though some felt the article focused a little too much on bisexuals in open relationships, feeding myths about bisexuals being incapable of monogamy, overall this was a welcome piece of reporting on a community reporting on a community whose existence the media has been very reluctant to acknowledge.
On the negative side, Time

on the legality stick, filling put a strongly homophobic spin on its reporting of a Phillips Exeter Academy professor accused of using his male students in pornography male students in pornography videos. Exeter, a private New Hampshire secondary school, has fired the teacher. The article, which declared that the scandal is "certain to inflame the debate . . . over tolerance of alternative life-styles on the nation's campuses," was printed under the incredible head-line "Tolerance Betrayed." It quoted Exeter's headmistress as saying that the school "fosters an attitude of acceptance toward homosexual teachers and students," with the strong implication that exploitation of children for pornography is to children for pornography is to be expected when schools fos-ter such tolerance.

Of course the alleged activ-

Consortium

therapies.

Since treatment might last indefinitely if the results are encouraging, participants are assured that those who discontinue the trial early will incur no penalty. "We realize that people's lives go on and change," Edell explained. Similarly, it is agreed there are no guarantees and that the consortium is not responsible for unforeseen deleteri-

preventine therapy lasting at least four weeks. Participants took a dosage of free rifabutin or a placebo daily. Because that particular study was "blind" for purposes of comparison even the doctors of the participants were not informed of which medication their client received. However, Edell and Camp emphasized that placebo-involved trials are declining, replaced by newer procedures that compare the tested drug against already established therapies.

Since treatment might last ities of one teacher have absolutely nothing to do either with nondiscrimination in employment, or with teaching youth respect for diversity, and Time owes the public an apology for suggesting that one leads to the other.

Give your feedback about either or both of these stories by writing to Henry Muller, Managing Editor, Time Magazine, Time & Life Building, Rockefeller Center, New York NY 10020, fax 212-522-0601.

Maury Povich

On August 13 The Maury Povich Show posed the rather presumptuous question "Do lesbians make good moms?" Appearing on the show were a lesbian who is battling the state of Florida in order to be a foster parent for an HIV positive baby, and a lesbian couple along with one of their six children.

ple along with one of their six children.
Unfortunately intelligent discussion was subverted by another invited guest, Judith Reisman, a rabid homophobe whom Povich tried to pass off as an expert on homosexuality. Reisman believes that children must be pretend from ty. Resinan believes that children must be protected from lesbians and gay men, and she's willing to distort medicine and statistics to support her position. Reisman said that homosexual relationships were unstable and promiscuous, and that homopromiscuous, and that homo-sexuality is a result of child-hood abuse. Perhaps sensing that her warnings sounded ridiculous beside the obviously stable and loving lesbians on stage with her, Reisman shift-ed her argument to declare that lesbians shouldn't be al-lowed to parent because it

that lesbians shouldn't be allowed to parent because it would open the legal doors for gay men who want to adopt young boys for sexual reasons.

Outrageously, Reisman was repeatedly identified by an on screen caption as "Dr. Judith Reisman, Homosexuality Researcher" Povich never clarified or challenged her credentials, and she was the only "expert" invited to appear on the panel.

panel.
Write to Maury Povich, 221
West 26th Street, New York
NY 10001.

San Francisco Examiner

On August 9 the Examiner published an opinion piece by Dr. Elizabeth M. Whelan of the American Council on Science and Health, titled "AIDS Research Spending: How Much is Enough?"

Whelan argued that AIDS

Research Spending: How Much is Enough?"

Whelan argued that AIDS and HIV are over-funded by the government. We suppose that she could in theory make such an argument without resorting to gay-bashing, but she didn't. In answering the question "Why are AIDS activists so critical of the Reagan and Bush administrations?" Whelan gave the following answer: "AIDS activists are using the war against AIDS to promote a broader agenda—an agenda Bush, and Reagan before him, have refused to accept: the demands for national health insurance, the full ac-

al health insurance, the full acceptance and endorsement of homosexuality as a morally equal alternative life style and 'sexual freedom' unfettered by

Respond to Dr. Whelan and the Examiner by contacting them at 110 5th Street, San Francisco CA, 94103, tel. 777 2424.

monitored and trials are likely to be terminated if they prove ineffective or if adverse

effects develop.

In no way is the operation of the consortium an outlaw affair. Though the treatments and the substances used in them are on trial, every detail them are on trial, every detail is examined and approved in advance by the Food and Drug Administration, which has an admittedly high stake in the results.

Some trials are sponsored by private pharaceutical companies, such as the aforementioned rifabutin study, sponsored by its manufacturer. At the conclusion of that trial the Journal of Infectious Diseases reported ACRC's conclusion reported ACRC's conclusion that those taking the placebo contracted MAC at twice the rate as those on the drug, leading to increased PWA access to ribabutin.

Of course there is frequent exchange of information with other research consortia and at conferences. For example, the international conferences.

the international conference in Amsterdam was attended by ACRC President Dr.Stanley C. Deresinski, Dr. Dennis Israelski of the S.M. Ccounty AIDS Program, and consortium members Dr. William Lipil and Dr. Dow Covington.

enough.
"Much of it has been minimal, outdated, and [aired] late at night, often proceeded by prejudicial warnings," he said.

Wallace says that coverage of local news and critical is-sues facing Northern Califor-nia residents is a major prior-

"Yeople have lost their en-thusiasm for KQED," he told the B.A.R. "KQED is at a crossroads. The station can re-turn to its historic calling as an alternative to commercial media or it can continue its slide to mismanagement and the embrace of corporate cul-

Wallace is part of the "Committee To Save KQED," a slate of candidates who call for the station to focus on local programming that reflects the cultural diversity of its Northern California audience, the re-establishment of a daily local new program, and increased use of independently produced programs.

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Commentary

Cop (Continued from page 1)

"It's about presenting a more realistic viewpoint of what a gay man is," Bannon said of his story on the CBS news program. Other officers nominated Bannon for the show when CBS contacted the San Francisco Police Department for gay officers to

interview.

"Most people never think of a cop or a fireman or anybody being gay. And that won't change unless we make it change," Bannon said. "If we wait for people to change their feelings without stimulus, we might as well pack lunch because it's going to be a long time.

a long time.
"The only way to change "The only way to change how people feel is with new information and I want to be part of that new information," he said. "I want to be part of helping people change how they view gays."

It wasn't always so clear for Banon

for Bannon.
Born Roman Catholic in

New York City in 1956, Ban-non said he knew he was gay non said he knew he was gay as early as first grade. But because of his religious upbringing, he believed those feelings were sinful and he prayed that he would change.

"These thoughts of being hated by God and condemned to hell had become part of the life as a very young."

to hell had become part of hy life as a very young child? Bannon said. "I shared my deep, dark secret with no one. It affected my school work, my relations with friends and my psychological development."

To win approval from peers, Bannon rebelled at school and joined violent street gangs. By age 11 he was an alcoholic and wound un expelled from school.

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After a year in a military reform school, Bannon returned to public school, rejoined the gangs and adyanced to running rackets in the New York mafia. He graduated from high school in 1974, then graduated top-of-his-class from a state accredit-ed private investigation school and worked undercov er as a private investigator in

New York and New Jersey. In 1975, he joined the volunteer fire department in Long Island and four years later was appointed to a law enforcement agency in New York. He also worked on the U.S. drug task force in the Caribbean before settling in San Francisco.

Pink lockers and panties

Through it all, Bannon said, he was deeply closeted. Racked with the confusion that had haunted him since childhood, Bannon found that

childhood, Bannon found that homophobia on the job only worsened his frustration. "Working for the federal government, if I came out I could get fired," Bannon said. could get fired," Bannon said.
"They don't look at your qualifications or whether the agent or officer has done a good job. They just say, we have a fruit here. Let's get rid of him? And all of his achievements, all of his talents — just throw it all away."
While he worked in New York, Bannon recalled when another cop was spotted at a gay bar. The officer came to work the next day to find his

work the next day to find his

locker painted pink and a pair of panties hanging from it. Eventually he left the department.

Bannon said that kind of homophobia was rampant in all the places he worked be-fore moving to San Francisco.

fore moving to San Francisco.

And he believes it makes the police lax in dealing with crimes involving gays. But he also sees that changing.

"When I went through the academy there were homophobic guys, rednecks, whatever you want to call them. Later I've seen these guys change," Bannon said. "Part of that's because you've got rules and regulations and you're not allowed to express those feelings but it also comes from working with the so-called faggots and fruits and they get to know us and see that we're doing the same its thick its desired and read reads. and they get to know us and see that we're doing the same job they're doing and, gradu-ally, it genuinely changes through this firsthand experi-ence. Prejudice is all based on ignorance

That ignorance allows people to make gays the object of their hatred in the same way it allows others to hate African Americans or any minority, Bannon said.

"By coming out and being myself, I now am starting to understand the struggle of other minorities," Bannon said. "I am no longer a white majority. By coming out of the closet I have joined the ranks of the openly battered, persecuted and imprisoned." persecuted and imprisoned.

In the Mission District sta-tion, Bannon found a supportive environment for coming out. A turning point came with the 1991 Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade when he marched in uniform with 25 other openly gay offi-cers—the first time San Fran-cisco gay officers were al-lowed to participate openly. Bannon's straight police partner marched alongside

him.

"Hundreds of thousands of people cheered as we marched down the street," Bannon said. "This was one of the proudest coming out days of my life."

But relations between police even an openly gay office.

But relations between police — even an openly gay officer — and the gay and lesbian community are not often so amicable. As a gay cop in an institution often criticized by gay activists, Bannon said he finds himself caught in a strange middle ground. Working at demonstrations, he is targeted with activists' abuse that's not unlike the prejudice of homophobes. of homophobes.

"When I wear a blue uni-form I don't have a special

button that says I'm an open gay cop," Bannon said. "People don't know what I'm about. I'm right here with you but I'm doing it my way. I want to let people see that I have all the juicy stories from being a cop, I have all the medals, I have all the things that make me what we think of as a man and one other

that make me what we think of as a man and one other thing: I'm gay. That's my protest, that's my rebellion." Bannon finally found peace in religion by joining Sacramento's River City Metropolitan Community Church, a chapter of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Metropolitan Community Churches.

Churches.

"My most intense relationship has been with God," Bannon said. "Today I believe that God did answer my prayers. He showed me to just be myself and not to conform to the merciless deform to the merciless de-mands of others."

The contradiction between

homosexuality and most religions, Bannon said, "is in the way man interpreted God. It's man playing God with God's words."

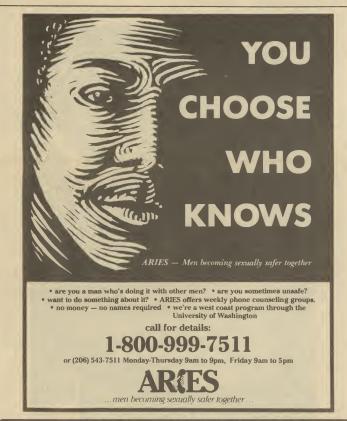
Medals and awards

In the line of duty, Bannon has won several medals of valor and commendations for outstanding performance, in-cluding pulling people from burning buildings and surviv-ing deadly shoot outs. He has

ing deadly shoot outs. He has been cited by the American Biographical research Institute and awarded the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award for humanitarianism. Besides his police work, which includes investigations and stress counseling, Bannon has a doctorate in health science and is vice president of The Immune Power Foundation, an organization that of tion, an organization that of-fers classes on nutrition and alternative health care. He also is writing a book on po-lice stress and nutrition and he continues to battle homo-

lice stress and nutrition and he continues to battle homophobia in law enforcement.

"I do not want any special treatment because I'm gay," Bannon said. "I paid my dues in life. I want to get ahead by merit and hard work. "Honestly, there is nothing gay about being 'gay' in a homophobic society," he said. "Being gay does not affect my work performance. What does, would be to have to suppress who I really am and compartmentalize my emotions and act like a robot so that I fit into society's expectations of me. My advice to anyone is, no matter what the circumstances, just be yourself."



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Levis

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rocal chapter of Queer Nation created a minor disturbance by holding aloft signs reading "Ban Boy Scouts Bigotry" and yelling at the congressmen.

"You're a child abuser!" shouted Margaret Cantrell of Queer Nation. "You're teaching gay kids to hate themselves!"

After a harder of the strength of the s local chapter of Queer Nation

selves!"

After a brief face-off with Capitol Hill Police, the activists were allowed to stay, minus their signs, as long as they did not try to disrupt the news conference.

Is Roherbacher gay?

Despite a couple of attempts to heckle the lawmakers with suggestions — based on unfounded allegations

made last year on a local news show — that Rohrabacher is secretly a homosexual himself, and other protests, the press conference went ahead as planned.

After the congressmen retreated to the House for a

treated to the House for a vote, the rag-tag group of activists, bedecked in garb identifying themselves as "Absolute Homo" and "Militant Homosexual," traded angry words with the elegantly dressed men and women adorned with "Save Our Scouts" stickers.

"Why don't you try concentivistics.

Scouts" stickers.

"Why don't you try concentrating on fighting the deficit" shouted Queer Nation's Michael Petrelis at the departing congressmen.

"Geez," sighed one conservative supporter under his breath. "He doesn't understand. We're fighting for our morals."

Contra Costa

and individuals, from the Mobile Living RV Center, which has underwritten the cost of displaying a number of panels from the Names Project Quilt in the Pacific Bell atrium before they go to Washington, D.C., to the three gay and lesbian bars of Walnut Creek—
Just Rewards, Club 1220 and Just Rewards, Club 1220 and D.J.'s, which are providing much of the personnel support for the evening.

The organizers emphasize that Casino Night is a first-class event, for which formal attire is definitely encouraged. Steering Committee member Arlene Mose calls it "the one event for which no one dares to be fashionably late."

Don Edwards, co-owner of D.I.'s. notes that every year

D.J.'s, notes that every year Casino Night has increased in popularity (to the point where increased attendance over the years has forced it out of a years has forced it out of a private home and into a larger venue) and has become an event that "almost sells itself. It's the one night no one wants

to miss."

Ken Dutra, of the AIDS

Community Network, and chair of the Casino Night committee, points out the Committee's efforts to do "something more and something different" every year as the event be-comes more popular. This year, the Committee was able to arrange for Quilt panels to be at the fundraiser for the first

time.
It's Contra Costa's one glamorous night of black tie, evening gowns and limousines — what Mose refers to as "Dynasty night." And it's the biggest annual event of its kind for Contra Costa County's lesbian and gay community, as well as for the contra Costa County's lesbian and gay community, as well as for the contractions of the contractions for an increasing number of other people who realize the importance of such fund-

"And it's also significant," says Dutra, "that it's no longer just a gay event. It serves the

just a gay event. It serves the larger purpose of helping Contra Costa County to get more educated about AIDS, and to make people's lives better."

Mose notes that this year's goal is to raise \$45,000 (last year's net profit was over \$25,000). Casino Night organizers have been delighted by the increase in corporate sponizers have been delighted by the increase in corporate sponsorship and a greater interest in the event by local politicians, particularly assembly-people and supervisors who plan to attend. By using Pacific Bell's facilities, organizers will be able to sell up to 650 tickets. Groups and individuals are also encourged to sponsor also encourged to sponsor tables and donate to the silent

Rainbow Markell of the AIDS Project of Contra Costa County (formerly the Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force), says that the funds raised by Casino Night help to support the Project's wide range of services, which in-clude educational programs citide educational programs for community groups and high schools, provision of necessities to people with AIDS, counseling, emergency assistance, hospital equipment and legal aid. She points out that the work that both the AIDS Project and the AIDS Community Network do is often made even more difficult than it might be in a large city because of assumptions which still persist that it is really not done — or necessary — in places like Contra Costa County. Yet the two organizations that will share the evening's proceeds offer invaluable, proceeds offer invaluable, complementary services for the nearly 800 people in the county with AIDS and the over 3,000 additional people estimated to be infected with HIV. The AIDS Community Network, through the Tranquillium Center in Richmond, provides drop-in services such provides drop-in services such as meals, massage, counseling and support groups.

Together with the Golden Gate Business Association, the

two organizations will sponsor the evening. Business spon-sors, in addition to Pacific Bell, include PG&E, Wells Fargo, GTel, ComTech, Club 1220 and

Tickets may be purchased by DJ's, Just Rewards, Club 1220, AIDS Project of Contra Costa County and the AIDS Community Network in Walnut Creek, and reservations can be made by calling (510) 220-0010 (VISA and MasterCard are accepted). For those who wish to stay

overnight for the event, the Marriott Hotel in San Ramon Marriott Floter in San Kanlon (within walking distance to Casino Night) will offer special rates. For Marriott information and reservations, call 1-800-228-9290 by Aug. 21. ▼

Bush

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host Larry King about charges made by former Bush campaign aide Tyler Franz, who alleges he was dismissed from the campaign because

from the campaign because he is gay.

Responding to King, Quayle asserted that the campaign and the White House did not discriminate against Franz and "is and always has been" against "discrimination of any kind."

of any kind."
Earlier this year conservatives blasted the campaign for
inadvertently inviting gay and
lesbian political groups to two
fundraising events and holding a meeting with gay and
lesbian lobbyists. They also
mobilized against the President for telling ABC's Barbara Walters that he would

not categorically exclude ho-mosexuals from Cabinet-level positions

Bush has since reconciled with the groups and allowed the Republican platform to adopt an amendment expresscondemning same-sex

unions.
Three members from the Washington chapter of Queer Washington chapter of Queer Nation staged a midday press conference in front of the White House August 12 to criticize the President's re-marks. The activists held aloft York Post's recent cover alleging that Bush had a romantic liaison with a female aide in 1984.

The activists charged that The activists charged that the report showed the Bush was a "hypocrite" for making "family values" a centerpiece of his campaign. Bush has blasted the *Post* account as a "lie." \(\Pi\)



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HBO Bio of a Slimebag

Cohn Man The Barbarian

by Paul Bollwinkel

itizen Cohn, the HBO TV-movie debuting Saturday night, is an ambitious attempt to dramatize the life of Roy Cohn, slimebag sycophant for Senator Joe McCarthy.

phant for Senator Joe McCarthy.

Cohn (James Woods) was the closeted right-wing lawyer whose major claim to fame — until his death from AIDS in 1986 — was his role as Chief Counsel for that red-baiting travesty of 50s justice known as the McCarthy hearings. The movie, based on Nicholas von Hoffman's 1988 biography, sketches highlights of

Cohn's career and personal life. Although this HBO special paints a vivid portrait of an abrasive, arrogant man who manipulated everyone he touched, it's often incoherent and confusing.

Structured as a series of illness-induced flashbacks, Citizen Cohn alternates scenes of Cohn in his hospital bed with detailed scenes of his career

Cohn in his hospital bed with detailed scenes of his career and far less detailed scenes of his gay life. The McCarthy hearings and the treason trial of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg (Cohn was a prosecutor) are familiar historical events, but the rest of Cohn's life is less notorious. Yet all the flashbacks are presented with little



It couldn't happen to a nicer guy. Roy Cohn (played by James Woods) makes his final exit in HBO's Citizen Cohn.

(Photo: Rick Gerharter)

context or exposition.

For example, there's a long segment depicting a double-blackmail scheme involving the mafia, Robert Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Jr., Edgar Hoover, and his live-in companion Clyde Tolson. It is so awkward and information-crammed that it's hard to tell what's going on — let alone what insights we're supposed to take away from it.

Razor Cut

In his book, Hoffman writes about the beginning of

Cohn's HIV diagnosis. Cohn

Cohn's HIV diagnosis. Cohn is cut by a razor as his lover shaves his face. The bleeding won't stop and he's rushed to the doctor. That 1982 incident first alarmed the doctor and, in turn Cohn, although he wasn't diagnosed with AIDS until three years later.

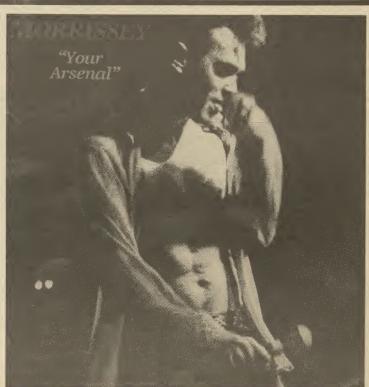
In the movie Cohn is cut by his lover while shaving, the bleeding won't stop, and the next scene shows the two of them leaving the doctor's building and getting into a limo. Cohn mutters something about the doctor asking too many personal questions

and that's it. The significance of the event is completely missed.

missed.

Another scene depicts
Roy's mother (the always
watchable Lee Grant) teasing
him in the 50's about the girl
he's been seeing. She points
to a newspaper picture of the
two of them and asks if Roy
thinks "Barbara" is good
enough for him. They're talking about Barbara Walters
but you'd never know it — if
you didn't know it. The film
is full of missing information
and superficially depicted
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Deviant Shadowplay

by Jeffery Kennedy

Morrissey Your Arsenal (Sire/Reprise Records)

(Sire/Reprise Records)

In 1984, a female friend and I used to ride a moped around our tiny Northwestern hometown, singing the Smiths' "Hand in Glove" at the top of our lungs. We were both fledgling queers. We found strength in that song. Lyrics like "The sun shines out of our behinds" and "If the people stare ... I really don't care" made us feel good about what we were and are: sexual deviants.

A few years later, in "Sheila Take a Bow," Smiths frontman Morrissey encouraged listeners to "Boot the

grime of this world in the crotch, dear," and I, for one, was more than happy to oblige. His championing of the outsider, combined with his geeky good looks, gender sensitivity, couldn't-care-less yodel, and the occasional homoerotic record sleeve, made Morrissey a hero to the disenfranchised and persecuted.

Disappointing Deviants

Well, those days are gone. Your Arsenal, Morrissey's fourth solo album, offers nothing substantial for deviants of any kind.

The video for the album's childishly petulant first single, "We Hate It When Our Friends Become Successful," oozes repressed homosexual-

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Out There

by Daniel Mangin and Kevin Davis

TELL GREGG ARAKI TELL GREGG ARAKI that his fab The Living End, which opens at the Castro next week, is "the gay Thelma and Louise," and he'll put on his "groady" face. Perhaps he's more pleased by a Village Voice notice last week that speculates that his flick "may prove to he gueer cinema's lates that his flick "may prove to be queer cinema's equivalent of Sweet Sweet-back's Baadassss Song," one of the landmark black-oriented films that graced American screens in the late '60s/early '70s.

SO SORRY WE CAN'T MAKE IT: Sam Kinison's brother Bill revealed plans in Variety for a late-August tribute to Sam at Anaheim's Celebrity Theater.

NO SURPRISE that Jay Robinson, who co-stars in Dan Aykroyd's CCPD series for Fox, is quoted in Variety as saying that his gay character was "toned down."



The hot, hot, hot John

Fried Green Rubyfruit?



Vidal Advocates

'MAMBO MOUTH' HITS IT BIG: We haven't been able to find out if he's "one of the gang," but sexy John Leguizamo's off-Broadway Mambo Mouth show (which got an HBO cablecast) includes a muy gorgeous, tastefully rendered Puerto Rican transvestite hooker. Leguizamo, currently in Whispers in the Dark, has developed a new show, Spicarama (the title alone should get people going) and has signed as second lead (next to Bob Hoskins) in the \$40 million film Super Mario Brothers, based on the Nintendo game.

EHRENSTEIN ON SCORSESE: Advocate film critic David Ehrensteintold OUT THERE over a tasteful lunch in LA that his book on Martin Scorseseis due out in a couple of months. We forgot to ask if the story Sandra Bernhard told about "mercy fucking" the director made it into the tome.

AS FOR LA BERNHARD, her attempt to bring her version of "feminism" to Playboy is now on the streets. "We're going to change the way people think about women's bodies," declared the spread's editor to one of us in London this spring. (And you thought Joan Collins already had!)

SORRY 'BOUT THAT: Variety reports that Larry Buendorf, the head of Gerald Ford's Secret Service detail, filed a \$1.1 mil-lion libel suit against NPR. Correspondent Daniel Correspondent Daniel Schorrevidently confused Buendorf with the late Oliver Sipple (who thwarted Sarah Jane Moore's 1975 assassination attempt), labelling Buendorf a homosexual. NPR apologized, which will probably forestall the suit, but talk about over-reacting! Secret Agent Man should have taken a cue from KQED's Ginger Casey, who wrote a quippy letter to the editor of the B.A.R. when one of our news writers mistakenly tagged her as a muff diver. tagged her as a muff diver.

RUBYFRUIT: THE MOVIE? Maybe. Variety reports that Anthony Ungerand Bruce Camp-bell have optioned Rita Mae Brown's Rubyfruit Jungle for a feature film. (It's been optioned before, so don't hold your breath.)

A MAG FOR EVERY TASTE, that's the ticket in the gay US of A. Bed Pan Journal could best be described as a "bathroom fetish" newsletter. In their "Brown Eye on Hollywood" column, there's a bit of gossip overheard at a NY party — "I wouldn't let Gary Indiana kiss me, his breath — I wouldn't let Gary Indiana kiss me, his breath smells like pee." Also included, "an April episode of 90210 (in which) Dylan confides to Brandon that he has discovered blood in his stool. The possibility of out. stool. The possibility of out-sider/anti-hero Dylan strick-en with colon-rectal cancer stuns West Beverly." Shock-ing!

HANKS TO PLAY GAY?
The Jonathan Demme
watch continued in Variety
this week: "TriStar plans to
make a formal offer this
week to Tom Hanks to
play the AIDS-stricken attorney in Demme's film variously known as At Risk,
Probable Cause or People
Like Us. Sources say Hanks
has read Ron Nyswaner's
script and is up for playing
the gay role." the gay role."

'BAND' BACK IN TUNE? The long-stalled TV film of Randy Shilts' And the Band Played On begins filming in October for HBO. Roger Spottiswoode will direct. "Shilts will act as consultant to the telepic."

CHAIN-STORE
HYPOCRISY: Explaining
K-Mart's decision not to carry Magic Johnson's
What You Do to Avoid
AIDS, a store spokesperson
said the book "doesn't fit said the book "doesn't fit the family orientation of a K-Mart shopper." But notes NY Times' Peter Osnos, "That orientation apparently isn't compromised by Jackie Collins' steamy Hollywood Wives, for example, and a recent issue of Cosmonolitan, which carries an mopolitan, which carries an article on the etiquette of oral sex. K-Mart sells both."

THE ONLY MAG GORE VIDAL gave permission to review his latest book in ad-vance of its publication date vance of its publication date was The Advocate. We're told by folks in the know that this was because of Vidal's high regard for retiring Advocate editor Mark Thompson. The latter has a new book project himself, a compilation of 25 years of Advocate coverage of gay culture, to be published by St. Martin's Press.

ON THE TOPIC OF CEN-SORSHIP, in a recent Magazine Week issue, Penthouse chief Bob Guccione outlined the true agenda of the Porn 'Victims' Compensation Act: "This is Compensation Act: This is the first major step toward absolute censorship. It is contrived to be a deterrent to retailers and distributors who would be implicated if who would be implicated if there was a finding against a magazine." The only thing Guccione's wrong about is this being "the first major step." It's just another marker, as is the Oregon initiative that would not only ban any "endorsement" of that gosh-darn gay lifestyle, but actually require an anti-gay stance.

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Mirror, Mirror

by Kate Bornstein

o, it's not a twelve step program for transsexuals. (There is such a group, but that's another story.) Gen-ders Anonymous is the artis-

ders Anonymous is the artistic creation of photographer Franco Tarsitano; it's an exhibit of over 100 photographs of faces and genitals.

"Sheeesh," I thought, muttering to myself about this assignment as I walked over to RAM Studios (the side entrance to The Clubhouse on Albion off 16th Street). My trance to The Clubhouse on Albion off 16th Street). My perky face began to fade as I climbed the many stairs to the gallery for what turned out to be a profoundly moving artistic experience.

The collection is striking by its sheer size. The photos run from floor to ceiling, and occupy a 40-foot wall. My first

occupy a 40-foot wall. My first glance brought me face to face with a number of penisrace with a number of penis-es. I made nice with the pho-tographer and went around checking this thang out. And there's lots of thangs to check out! It's been a long time since I'd seen one close

time since I'd seen one close up, let alone fifty or sixty of these puppies. A bit shaken, I began to look at faces.
"The faces are mostly in profile," said Tarsitano, "because that way it's harder to tell what gender they are." I found myself agreeing with the artist as I slowly fell into that trap called "Is that a boy or a girl?!"

Bearded Vaginas

I stood entranced, letting I stood entranced, letting my eyes and mind roam over the wall. Over 200 photos are positioned in such a way to create subtle relationships with one another. Here a pair of bearded-men gaze longingly at one another. There, a woman's (?) face is framed on either side by vaginas. As I looked from face to face along

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the wall, it seemed that the photos were flirting with one another—or lusting after each other. The exhibit invites the invention of relationships.





The he-be, she-be jeebees at RAM Studios. Figure it out for yourself.

"A lot of people try at first to match-up the genitals with the faces," laughed the artist, interrupting my mental saturnalia. That hadn't occurred to me, but now that he mentioned it, I began to try. It got me looking closer at the aforementioned thangs. I

never knew they came in such a ... well ... variety.
Then it struck me how much I still defined gender by genitals. Since I moved to San Francisco, I've met quite much Islin denined general sygenitals. Since I moved to San Francisco, I've met quite a few men with vaginas and women with penises; but here I was staring at this wall of photos, making the either/or choices I'd learned in kindergarten. I found myself drawn to the photos where I couldn't tell who was what — even some of the genital photos leave room for questions (some are tucked, and some are, um, augmented).

Tarsitano's work is challenging, bringing the viewer dangerously close to questions of identity that normally escape questioning: gender identity and sexual orientation. When we see an image that stimulates desire, and then find that the gender is other than what we thought—that's powerful.

Questions came up for me: if gender is or can be truly ambiguous, what does that say about a black-and-white system of sexual orientation based solely on the gender of our chosen partner?

I left the gallery more elevated, but a great deal less perky. Since we base so much of our communal definition on the terms gender identity and sexual orientation, it seems vital that we continually question these terms. Tarsi-

seems vital that we continually question these terms. Tarsitano's work does exactly this; tanos work does exactly this; the collection is masterful in both conception and execu-tion — a true gift to this queer culture of ours.

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Sheryl Lee Ralph Steals DeNiro Film

Dreamgirl to Mistress

by Vicky Greenbaum

istress. written and directed by Barry Primus, and produced by Robert DeNiro's Tribeca Productions, is supposed to be about a bunch of Hollywood losers trying to do one of two things: make a movie or get their girlfriends into one. Ac-tually it's about a talented black woman who tries to use

black woman who tries to use the Hollywood system before it uses her.

Enter schmuck writer/director Marvin Landisman (Robert Wuhl), a poor struggling director of cooking videos. His phone rings. Washed-up producer Jack Roth (Martin Landau) wants to make his long-buried best script into a Hollywood feature. The catch: each of the moneymen has a mistress

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who must be written into the film.

Who exactly is at the center of this movie? The mistresses? The white Jewish Hollywood writers, producers and moneymen who act like they've stepped out of a comedy routine? Tough, realistic, ugly materialist Evan Wright (DeNiro), who stays likable (despite one token fag joke and one token anti-Semitic slur) because he's honest?

It's certainly not the tortured writer/director Landisman, an appealing blend of schmuck and anti-Christ; he's merely a vehicle for cinematic

merely a vehicle for cinematic angst. One great strength of this film, though, is that he is portrayed with enough self-mockery to avoid bathos. At dead center in this film

is a woman, a mistress. The press release doesn't give her a mention. The title track

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Robert DeNiro gets man-handled by the thoroughly capable Sheryl Lee Ralph in Mistress.

shows her name under "also starring." Yet from the first moment her stunning black presence comes onscreen halfway through this movie, Sheryl Lee Ralph (formerly of Broadway's *Dreamgirls*) takes control

Samson and Delilah

Playing Beverly Dumont, mistress to tough-guy Wright, the actress lends instant depth the actress lends instant depth and life to a movie that could easily have foundered on a sea of Hollywood insider cliches. DeNiro's strength, the tension he creates as he bulls his way through this movie version of Hollywood, is made less monstrous and more human as he faces off with his mistress. Beverly stands black and cool amid a stands black and cool ainth a swirl of partygoers, forcing the big man to turn in his ma-cho tracks, making him un-able to "discipline" her for not returning his calls. This Hol-lywood Samson has met his

Why does Beverly need Wright to buy her a part in a film? The script assumes her dependency on the wealth of

powerful men. That's how you rise in Hollywood if you're a woman — in the bed-room; the subtext makes that

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Lending integrity and a twist of difficult truth to this fabled construct are the other mistresses. Patricia (Jean Smart) and bimbo Peggy

(Tuesday Knight) are clearly (Juesday Knight) are clearly without talent; their clingy at-tachments to Carmine Russo (Danny Aiello) and George Lieberhoff (Eli Wallach) are born of desperation. But Bev-erly Dumont is afire with tal-ent.

ent.
Except for Evan Wright,
Landisman is the only one
who recognizes this. Landisman's good intentions make
his ultimate betrayal all the
more powerful. As she flings
the altered script in Landis-

more powerful. As she flings the altered script in Landisman's face, Beverly Dumont angrily asks why she's to be cheated out of a chance to use her gift yet again.

Real-life writer/director Barry Primus is to be commended for the strength of Beverly Dumont's character. With her at the center of his film, everything comes into sharper focus. Sheryl Lee Ralph's knockout performance raises the stakes in what could have been yet another rehash of Tinseltown apocrypha.

Mistress

Capra's Buried Treasure

by Warren Sonbert

he revival of Broad-way Bill confirms Frank Capra as the breezy, inexhaustibly inventive narrative filmmaker of the '30s. Lost in the shad-ow of Capra's It Happened One Night, which was re-leased the same year, Broad-way Bill was pushed further into obscurity when Capra re-made the film in 1949 as Rid-ing High. At that time, the studio shelved the original, preventing its represses

studio shelved the original, preventing its rerelease.

Starring Warner Baxter and Myrna Loy as the sponsors of the eponymous race horse, the film deftly conveys the forces of traditional Holly-wood narrative: matters go well, then they go wrong, worst, then okay. This holds true even today — the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. Where Broadway Bill ex-

cels is in its delicious array of character actors: Raymond Walburn's flustered Colonel, a paragon of conniving, delapidated gentility; Lynne Over man's no-nonsense, wisecracking Happy, the cynic and naysayer; and Walter Connoly's tycoon overlord Hig-



Broadway Bill, a Frank Capra winner

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gins, rancidly smug but grad-ually coming round to some kind of dialogue with spontaneity.

Loy is a fetching, high-toned moll, holding her own in any upheaval while tossing-off the appropriate one-liner. And no one tops Warner Bax-ter for hard-boiled burrowing gumption.

Robert Riskin's screenplay

downplays sentiment. There's a brazen focus on the sly and surprising with a host of punchlines and situations that make *Broadway Bill* uncommonly winning. The race

track mafia amid booze and cigars would be transformed in a few years by Capra into the Senate (Mr. Smith Goes to Washington) or amoral big business (Meet John Doe). But Broadway Bill's world is not yet pedantic and idealized. There's an airy charm here, lightly conveyed, that gives the audience an opportunity to recall that movies can still be an enhancement to life.

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Romancing the Clone

Life Swapping

by Warren Sonbert

efore it succumbs to nasty predictability, Single White Female nasty predictability, Single White Female registers as a bravura tars, Bridget Fonda and Jennifer Jason Leigh. But audiences may seek a moratorium on these, by now, generic Yuppie-In-Peril retreads. Fatal Attraction, which kicked off the ball, was the best of the lot. It spawned Pacific Heights, The Hand That Rocks the Cradle, and Unlawful Entry.

The basic battle plan spins off a seemingly sweet and "normal" sociopath who enters the lives of regular Joes, always the attractive audience identification figures, to wreck conscious mayhem. There is a standard escalating scale of violence (don't get too fond of that cuddly cat or

scale of violence (don't get too fond of that cuddly cat or dog). Next, the psycho knocks off the family friend or next door neighbor — just to let you know they mean busiyou know they mean business. Although the main cute couple is put through the wringer, they ultimately triumph and destroy the intruder by cunning and forbear-

ance.

The fun part for discerning audience members is to be aware of the hissy creatures' deceptions way before the good guys — to talk to the screen with the verbal equivalent of flailing arms — "No! Don't do that! ... Watch out!"

Rosemary's Grandbaby

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Single White Female begins with exterior pans of New York's Ansonia — the residence of our damsel-in-distress Allie (Fonda). Immediately Rosemary's Baby's Dakota is evoked but the reference to looming evil, poorly developed, goes for naught here in Female.

When Allie is at her most vulnerable, into her life comes nerdy naif Hedy (Leigh), ready to rescue her from a rocky affair and responsibility for all that rent. In one of the few imaginative visuals in the film, Allie is col-

visuals in the film, Allie is col-lapsed in tears on the kitchen floor while into the back of the frame shuffles Hedy's tentative feet in high-button shoes. Here's an old-fashioned

shoes. Here's an old-fashioned girl who couldn't possibly make waves, eh? Allie at her wit's end, and our first glimpse of Hedy, combine for a filmically striking moment. Hedy moves in. They exchange gifts. They bond. Hedy starts not only adapting Allie's style, but her clothes, hair cut and color. Even though Fonda is a good two feet taller than Leigh, everyone in their lives starts confusing them. Hedy can even imitate Allie's voice on the phone. We think the filmmakers will develop these conceits to delirious complexity

but not much is made of

Hetero Hell

In a particularly pointless scene Allie follows Hedy to a laughably clean and decorous Hollywood version of the hetero Hell Fire Club — an SM oasis for BD straights. But the outcome must have wound up on the cutting room floor. The film's attitude towards gays is ambivalent. There's no denying that Allie's dandy upstairs neighbor Graham (Peter Friedman) is a paragon of charm and valor. Even though he has "victim" written all over him, in one of the film's few twists, he actually emerges as something of a hero. Hats off to scripter Don Roos.

Roos.

But there are hints of a Lesbian Panic subtext. One of the first potential roommates that Allie rejects is an obvious bull dyke. Later, an approach by a lipstick lesbo at the Hell Fire Club sends poor Allie into a dither. When Hedy shrilly spouts that "All men are pigs!" in a failed attempt to keep Allie at her side, the lesbo-psycho subtext rises dangerously close to the surface. But it's never made clear how much of a sexual being Hedy really is.

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Usually I don't mind lapses of logic and reason in a gripping thriller (there are easier ways to kill your wife or an enemy agent than the plot mechanisms of Vertigo and North by Northwest). But there are just too many of them for comfort in Female and the mounting toll is bothersome. Why does Hedy keep incriminating letters from her past, sitting around waiting to be discovered when; 1. she already knows Allie is a snoop and 2. she hates her personal history and denies its existence?

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The traumas of Brian de Palma's Sisters are brazenly lifted by Roos and director Barbet Schroeder as well as rehashes of the moralizing tone of the director's More and Maitresse. But this current work at least isn't up to the polish of his previous Reversel of Fortune

the polish of his previous Reversal of Fortune.
Finally just a word about Hollywood's ostrich position on subject matter. Single White Female is a big budget prestige product that many people will see. But the when was the last film you

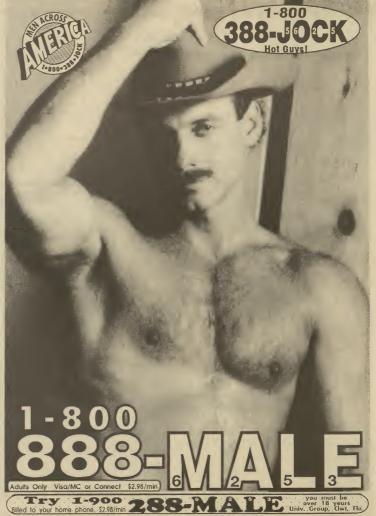


Single white female, Bridget Fonda (left), acquires an unwanted shadow in the form of Jen-

saw that took a controversial stand on the major social/political issues of our time. Talk about bread and circuses ... where is our contemporary A
Face in the Crowd (1957) or
Mr. Smith Goes to Washington (1939)? Some scribes wail

about the Donna Reed falsity about the Donna Reed laisity of the Eisenhower years or the pablum served up during the Depression. But somehow the bad old studio system generated more provocative, challenging and socially re-sponsible films. That's why the above-average *The Player* strikes some as the Second Coming — it's about something. ▼

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Weekend From Hell

he mind reels. That may be the only cliche that wasn't de-livered, with mea-sured pretension, in the overwritten, under-done produc-tion of *The Weekend* that opened at the Cowell Theatre last Friday. Indeed, the Federal standard for Safe Cliche Usage and Method (SCUM) was exceeded long before the dismal first act

One of the rumors floating around this production had to do with the director's desperate decision to play the script as farce. As farce, the production fails. Of course, it also

fails as comedy, as tragedy, as satyr play, and as melodrama. It fails as an evening in the theatre; it fails as a reason to leave your house. In fact, to paraphrase Lucy on Charlie Brown: this is what you call a failure

Brown: this is what you call a failure play.

Katherine, an actor, and Helena, a writer (as a kindness, I will not mention actors' names — their burden is already too great), are spending the weekend at Katherine's home in Maine. They are supposed to be friends, although they seem to share little more than the capacity to drink an astonishing quantity drink an astonishing quantity and variety of alcoholic bever-

ages. "In vino, veritas" is a cheap



Actresses murder their own careers in The Weekend.

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way to explain a character's willingness to shed inhibi-tions and to reveal dark se-crets. Unfortunately, Kather-ine's and Helena's secrets are ine's and Helena's secrets are just as boring, and unbelievable, as their facades. They drink and talk, they talk and drink. Helena describes her first lesbian affair (although lucky Katherine gets to say the 'I' word first) with a German student named Joka which ended with Helena's being dumped. While drinking and talking, Helena and Katherine wander aimlessly about the set, a brooding, gothic porch complete with pine trees, moon and lowerpine trees, moon and lowering sky.

Aryan Solution

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After a very, very long time, Pamela enters, for no reason that I was able to discern, except perhaps to show off a woefully inconsistent down east accent. As long as she's there, though, she might as well jabber on to Helena about a mysterious German woman, recently arrived on the island, named (can you stand the suspense?) Joka. Joka arrives 'ere long sporting a German accent that consists a German accent that consists solely of t's as d's and the most sibilant s this side of a drag bar. Joka explains that she had to leave Helena in or-der to find herself — no mean

Katherine, who's been hit-ting on Helena something fierce, is madly jealous of Joka. They trade tedious in-

sults; Joka goes off to the for-est to commune with nature (or to provide the lost-in-thedark-woods plot diversion); lots more drinking occurs; a shotgun is loaded and fired; and the script plods on to an

Lesbians as unhappy drunks – what fascinating 'new ground.'

ending that came out of nowhere and reduced me to outraged hysterics. The Weekend is precious,

The Weekend is precious, pretentious, and tedious verbiage in desperate search of a play. The characters (three lesbian, one non-lesbian) would have to stretch to achieve a single dimension. They are not helped by acting choices that are at best random, and at worst, lacking a connection to any discoverconnection to any discover-able character.

Big Business

The movement is random as well. The director clearly provided business for the actors to cover the weakness in the script. In one particularly obnoxious piece of business

Katherine took out a cigarette, put it in her mouth, took it out without lighting it, and put it away. She then repeated this cigarette nonevent. When finally lit, the cigarette was extinguished after two puffs.

The wretchedness of the production, however, was surpassed by the transcendent awfulness of the script. Trite, shallow, and cliche-ridden, The Weekend played like a tawdry exercise in vanity play production.

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In the Author's Notes (no doubt provided in the program because nothing of what Day promises happens in the play), Day asserts that: "For me, this is a play that breaks new ground for lesbians and gay men. We are human, loving, brilliant, interesting, workaholics ... We are just like the mainstream" Aren't we the lucky ones. Funny, though, the lesbians in this play drink themselves into oblivion owing to the desperate unhappiness of living "alone with (their) demons."

Lesbians as unhappy drunks — what fascinating "new ground." I find it infuriating that so much money was spent on this embarrassment, when so many fine lesbian plays go unproduced. To all the lesbians, hungry for lesbian plays, who come to see this trash, Day owes an apology, a refund, and a sincere promise never to write again.



Bionic Bitch-Goddess

Robbie D.'s tribute to Lindsay Wagner at the re-opening of Klubstitute (Photo: Rick Gerharter)

Fast and Frantic

by Eric Hellman

ne might say: "We

ne might say: "We came, we saw, we went." But that wouldn't really tell you much about last Thursday's performance by the Scott Wells Dance Company at San Francisco's Theater Artaud. It would, however, reflect the peculiar flatness of my response to a group whose work is defined by ample resources of human energy and physical effect.

Led by choreographerdancer Scott Wells, the ensemble features seven dancers who are all remarkably buoyant, youthful and elastic. And those are good things, because Wells' movement vocabulary slaps everyone around a great deal — the dancing reverberates with floor falls, body rolls, partner dumps, and assorted, freeform acrobatics. This is one company where the easily bruised need not apply.

Frantic

But despite the often fran-tic physicality, I found myself strangely unmoved by the Wells troupe's performance. In fact, as the evening devel-oped, the high-volume, frag-mented energy seemed more and more like an expression of terror: a refusal to commit to any particular idea, emo-tion, musical impetus, or

to any particular idea, emo-tion, musical impetus, or statement in choreography. The company presented six dances or performance vi-gnettes. The piece I liked best was called "The Very Heart," a hybrid mixture of dance with performance, where three boys (Alex Artaud, Jes-selito Bie, and Christian Gior-gi) chat about their saxual exgi) chat about their sexual ex-periences and then, in be-tween verbal spells, they liter-ally romp around the perfor-

ally romp around the performance space.
"The Very Heart" is verbally—and choreographically—witty, and the clear balance of words with movement seemed to give it a structure that's often missing in Wells' other work. But I'm not sure I quite believe one of the young men when he claims to have experienced a perfectly happy sexual relationship with his girlfriend—and only later decided to dump her: "...because she didn't have a dick." The tastelessness of this remark is a separate matter.

The other appealing dance on the company's program

was "Double Vision," a quirky piece where one per-former strums a classical guiformer strums a classical gui-tar while his partner both in-terferes with and mirrors his playing. While they perform their oddly intrusive musical duet, two other couples (two women and two men) dance women and two men) dance their own interwoven, parallel duets in space. Stylistically, everything is very slow, but punctuated by occasional bursts of fast, almost brutal interaction. This mixture of tenderness with explosive violence seemed equally poetic—and creepy. Perhaps a dance version of the David Lynch aesthetic? Lynch aesthetic?

The two pieces that seemed the most obscured and under-committed (in terms of choreographic intention) were "In the Blindness of Our Affection" and "No Place Like Home." Both of these dances are larger production numbers and both suggest no particular reason for their making.

"Blindness" offers three women (Cynthia LaRue, Kathleen Hermesdorf, and Phippy Kaye) in party dresses and two men (Jesselito Bie and Scott Wells) in pants with shirts and ties. The music is an excerpt from the sound-track for Man Facing Southeast and it resembles background noise for a New Age cocktail lounge — intercut cocktail lounge — intercut with a man speaking in Span-ish. The dancing consists of the performers moving mostly at random — with regular interludes where they all collapse and hit the floor. I understand parties can be stressful, but this one takes anxiety to its limit.

"No Place Like Home" is a mostly silly and positively exhausting exercise (for both the dancers and audience). the dancers and audience). Five performers are discovered in a pop-inspired (or is it late-career Matisse?) living room (designed by Lee Hemingway) with a radio that's buzzing in the void between stations. Various dancers take their turns at locating better reception and, as a result, a pastiche of Talking Heads, Pat Metheny, G.F. Handel, Jane's Addiction and others follow. follow.

The dancers respond with an equally eclectic range of movement and pratfalls, in-cluding the sofa bounce, the desk slide, chair falls,

cartwheels and general athletic mayhem. It's fun and there's an interesting edge of willful, underlying violence. But it is also more entertainment than art, and the idea seems no bigger than an avant-garde version of a skit from the old Carol Burnett Show.

Two other short pieces left me wanting more substance

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and less unrestrained vigor from the Wells ensemble. "Unfinished Duet" is a physical, angular duet (with no music) for Kathleen Hermesdorf and Scott Wells. The result is a lot of heavy breathing amid body rolls and floor tumbling, body rolls and floor tumbling, and not the slightest dash of sexual feeling. "Your Move" is, quite literally, the theatricalized re-enactment of a food fight between two boys — something the audience found amusing, but that I thought best remained in the annals of American adolescent life. ▼



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The Invisible Sex

Closer to Home — Bisexuality and Feminism Edited by Elizabeth Reba Weise; Seal Press, \$14.95

by Noreen C. Barnes

B isexuals just don't fit into an already established rigid sexual taxonomy. Their presence and practice threatens the Kirkegaardian ei-ther/or and the Judeo-Chris-tian good and evil, like an independent candidate disrupt-

dependent candidate disrupting the two-party system.

A few people I know (myself included) have been surprised at finding themselves shaken from the utter conviction.

shaken from the utter conviction that they were gay. I called my affairs with men (in-between long-term relationships with women) "heterosexual relapses." But was there more to it?

What did those affairs do to my identity as a lesbian? As a feminist? And how did I reconcile them with my political and professional life? My self-definition, I found, keeps changing — it's fluid, not it's fluid, not changing -

fixed.
With bisexuality an issue with Disexuality an issue of increasing discussion, Seal Press offers readers Closer to Home: Bisexuality and Feminism edited by Elizabeth Reba Weise. This anthology is a striking collection of establishment. is a striking collection of essays by women who challenge the eitherdichotomy of heterosexuality. They discuss the expectations of a culture that can only comprehend bipolar entities, and thus, renders bisexuality invisible. The writers also examine the terminology of sexamine the terminology of sex-

ual behavior and political affectional affiliation (how one is defined by who one is seen with, is based not on self, but on choice of partners).

Weise notes that bisexuals are not those who simply can't make up their minds.

They are actually quite clear about the nature of their affections and where they lie.

What bisexuality does — in concert with feminism — is call "into question many of the fundamental assumptions the fundamental assumptions of our culture?

Included in the anthology are women who "choose to acknowledge our desires and then find a way to live with them as feminists and as thoughtful human beings."
Weise contends that "patriarchy is the problem, not individual men"

vidual men."

She writes in her introduction of those who must struggle with the issues of acknowledging their bisexuality. Each contributor comes to terms with it, while not com-promising her commitment to feminism or lesbian commu-

Many write of what is a common journey for many women — from heterosexual socialization through the discovery of lesbianism, usually via feminism.

Shock Treatment

The sheer power of coming out — as Ruth Gibian describes it, is an "elation so dramatic things tasted differ-



ent, colors looked brighter, every sense was sharpened."
Then what followed, frequently, was another shock—
that of falling in love with a man, after one or many les-bian relationships. A sense of loss and compromise is then followed by learning that one does not have to be either straight or lesbian — one can he hisexual

be bisexual.

Gibian counters the exclusionary "definition of a static sexuality ... based on binary opposition," by offering the "possibility of paradox" and ambiguity, where 'bi' is not a split self, but a whole person

Margaret Mihee Choe dis-cusses how one reconciles being bisexual and a feminist with all the other cultural cat-egories, such as race. She calls bisexuals the "Asians of

sexual America: you're not one or the other, so you're overlooked." Elizabeth McKeon notes that "we are doubly belong" — she seeks connection to the lesbian community

bon to the less bar community because "I am Gay, too."

Nina Silver's "Coming Out as a Heterosexual" describes her "schizophrenic" life of writing for gay and lesbian publications and having a passionately sexual relationship with a gay (?) man." Silver as-serts that she is "not the eneny," rejects the creation of et another closet, and asks, where is the oppression go-

ing to stop?"

Brenda Marie Blasingame,
in a discussion of biphobia, contends that exclusions of bi-sexuals from the gay and lessexuals from the gay and res-bian community is based on the "internalization of our common oppression, hetero-sexism," by means of the "monosexual paradigm" with-out which "bisexuality cannot exist" exist.

Bucking the Trend

Dvora Zipkin contends that bisexuality, as well as les-bianism as a political identity,

also challenges heterosexism.

Whereas I have seen heterosexial women move to lesbian or bisexual identity, bisexual women to lesbian, and lesbians moving to a bisexual women to lesbian, and lesbians moving to a bisexual women to lesbian. sexual identity, in my own experience, at least, I have never seen a lesbian or bisexual-identified woman move to a heterosexual identity. Further, she believes, "bi-

sexuals are really more 'gay' than 'straight'; that is, once

Patriarchy is the problem. not individual men.

we have experienced a les-bian relationship or identity, no one can ever take away

no one can ever take away that part of us that is gay."

Stacey Young observes that bisexuals have been invisible, oppressed and silenced in the women's community. She cites the danger munity. She cites the danger of others attempting to define and label one's experience, and enforce dichotomies and codes. For her, the bisexual identity means "working against both the discourse that seeks to invalidate bisexuality as being unauthentic and politically incorrect and the humanist discourse that makes bisexuality politically innocuous by claiming that we are all bisexual and that gender can and should be transcended."

Perhaps the view that

Perhaps the view that comes closest in articulating my own perspective and practice (at least currently) is Diane Anderson's "Living With Contradictions." She defines herself as a bisexual lesbian,

In theory, I enjoy men and women, but in reality I share my life and my bed with only

one woman. In theory, I want to maintain that bisexual identity even in the face of an assimilated lesbian community, but in reality I'm afraid to lessen the strength of the lesbian community by "diluting

Practice Makes Perfect

What Anderson calls her-elf would make a terrific T-

seif would make a terrific 1-shirt slogan: "bisexual by na-ture, feminist by choice and a lesbian by practice."

Karin Baker is among sev-eral writers in the anthology who discuss the exclusion of bisexuals from both the name. bisexuals from both the name and the organizing committee of the 1990 Pride March in Northhampton Massachusetts, by a group of lesbians who controlled the steering com-

Bisexuals are the Asians of sexual America. You're not one or the you're overlooked.'

Baker goes on to discuss the unique position of bisexu-als in challenging both compulsory heterosexuality and the gender system: "the role that bisexuals can potentially play in subverting the gender system is indispensable to a radical social transformation." Paula C. Rust echoes this

thought in her essay, "Who Are We and Where Do We Go From Here? Conceptualizing Bisexuality." In asserting that "by challenging the dichotomous conception of sex-uality at this juncture in histo-ry, bisexuality places itself at odds with traditional Western thought and threatens to de-stroy powerful social and po-litical institutions."

Future Freedom

Rebecca Shuster envisions a Repecca Shuster envisions a future that has freed itself of "every rigid construct of gen-der and sexuality" in which "we will simply be ourselves."

Weise has done an excel-lent job in assembling this collection of personal accounts, essays and analyses. The authors' own experience tends to inform the more academic treatments, adding real passion to the discourse.

sion to the discourse.

Bisexuals are emerging as a distinct, increasingly vocal group who have created a home for themselves within the queer community. Bisexual networks, books and journals, and the inclusion of "bisexual" in the titles of gay and lesbian events pushes boundaries and challenges the either/or dichotomy with choices that are truly queer. that are truly queer. V



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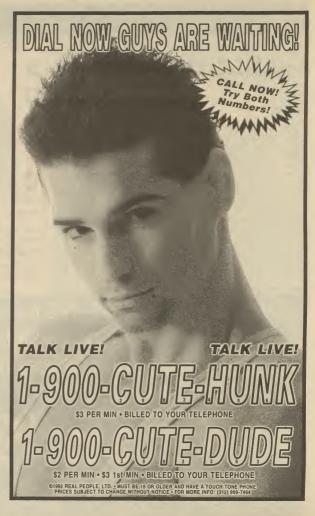
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Getting Dirty

by John Blanco

ike any proud post-feminist, Sonic Youth singer-bassist Kim Gordon likes it both ways, taking on sexism in her songs and wearing push-up bras in glossy fashion spreads. (Check out her vixenish Vivienne Westwood get-up in the current *Interview*). Smart, militant and every inch a sexkitten, she's the role model for the current brigade of ripped-stockinged fox-core

bands.

No surprise then that Gordon's neo-feminist mani-

festoes are the best things about Sonic Youth's new album Dirty. While musically the album finds the New York act in a holding pattern, offering few new takes on its mellifluousness-tempered-by-

mellifluousness-tempered-by-guitarmuck aesthetic, lyrically Gordon redeems Dirty with several sharp, timely anthems for this year of the woman.

"Swimsuit Issue," which was inspired by a run-in Gordon had with a sexist exec at her record company, addresses sexual harassment in the post-Anita Hill era. "I ain't giving you head!" Gordon shouts at one point in the



song, refusing to be a meek victim of harassment.

Power Play

Another track, "Shoot," looks at power positions in re-

lationships. On this dark quasi-ballad, a woman sees her decision to have an abortion as a way of finally wrest-ing some control from her domineering lover ("I won't be asking not to have this baby please). Gordon proudly calls this her pro-choice

Not that Gordon always has a political agenda. "Creme Brulee" is her love song, ostensibly to husband and Sonic singer-guitarist tensibly to husband and Sonic Youth singer-guitarist Thurston Moore. This is no conventional love dittie though, spiked as it is with wry sexual ambiguity like "Last night I dreamt I kissed Neil Young — If I was a boy I guess it would be fun" or "I've said it before and I'll say it again — I 'm so happy we're just friends"

The songs of Gordon's

The songs of Gordon's bandmates pale a bit in comparison to her *Dirty* contribu-

tions. Moore does offer a fair-ly alluring paean to Marilyn Monroe with "Sugar Kane," which takes its name from Monroe's wistful ukulele play-Monroe's wistful ukulele player in Some Like It Hot. Unlike the hilariously mocking "Tunic," the band's earlier tribute to another gay icon, Karen Carpenter, "Sugar Kane" is totally worshipful, in an altogether less drippy way than Elton John's "Candle In The Wind."

Moore's other song of note is his preaching-to-the-converted diatribe "Youth Against Fascism." Besides railing against "war pig fucks" and "Christian liars," Moore

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stands up for Anita Hill and asserts that Clarence Thomas will "rot in hell." A stirring feminist statement, but from Gordon's hubby would you expect anything less?

Sonic Youth

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Books

Tyranny of the Gorgeous

O Beautiful by Jesse Green; Available Press, \$9

by Jeffery Kennedy

ne thing gay and straight men have in common is that, generally speaking they're both slaves to beauty Nothing like a well-proportioned human form to turn the strongest of men into spineless fools. That's the subject of the vet-to-be-intelligentject of the yet-to-be-intelligent-ly-reviewed film Basic In-stinct. It's also the subject of O Beautiful, Jesse Green's debut novel.

but novel.

Martin is a gay set designer living in New York, who comes from a wealthy family. He lives alone in a meticulous apartment. He met his best friend, Stella, at the art gallery she owns.

Once fat and dumpy, Stella vanished for a few weeks and came back a new woman: thin, sleekly dressed and confident. The new Stella propels her gallery to fame. To the self-conscious Martin, Stella's rebirth is nothing Stella's rebirth is nothing short of miraculous. He's 6'5", single and hates his inability to shuck off the upbringing that taught him to be polite

Despite her own mediocre love life, Stella plays Martin's matchmaker and invites a man she met at her gallery to dinner. Matt is gorgeous, and Stella mistakenly assumes he's gav. This revelation. he's gay. This revelation



falling under the spell cast by his beauty. When Matt is kicked out of his apartment by an angry girlfriend, Martin takes him in.

Name of the Game

Martin and Matt develop a friendship. They visit the gym together, chat, and share the same bed. But Martin never really gets to know Matt. The name of Matt's game is manipulation. He uses Martin: for shelter, food,

uses Martin: for shelter, 100d, money and comfort. Martin is aware of this, though. Stella, meanwhile, watches the developing rela-tionship with skepticism and tionship with skepticism and tries to talk some sense into Martin. But Martin perseveres: "Oh, let me touch one beautiful thing that lives on this earth — one beautiful thing — and have it not shrivel away." He finally gets his chance when Matt lands a role in an avant-garde summer stock production. mer stock production.

O Beautiful covers famil-

Author's Epitaph

Memories That Smell Like Gasoline by David Wojnarowicz; Artspace Books, \$15

by John Karr

avid Wojnarowicz, author, artist, and activist — he knew no separation between the three — died of 37. But no one needs to write an obituary for David — he did that himself, in the form of a troubling, beautiful little book, Memories that Smell Like Gasoline. Written mostly in his hospital bed, where he also painted the evocatively shadowed watercolors

he also painted the evocatively shadowed watercolors which illustrate these three connected essays, David survived the ravages of dementia and wasting just long enough to see his book published.

Memories That Smell Like Gasoline is published by Artspace Books, the first in a series of limited edition monographs which will couple art images with text. It's delightfully designed to resemble those little Golden Books we cherished as children.

Doing Time

This a treasured tale for adults, a last testament of pain and courage. Wojnarow-

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icz — whose art exhibitions were closed down by the NEA, and whose sexual, political writings were both art and indictment— mirrors his

Gorgeous
(Continued from page 34)

iar turf: gay man falls for beautiful straight man and surrenders himself to the im-

possible task of making the straight man fall in love with him. Green, fortunately, gives

Martin a degree of self-aware-ness that prevents the story from seeming cliche or trite. He describes Martin's psy-chology thoroughly, sensitive to complexities and contradic-

to complexities and contradic-tions. Green takes the reader on a journey as Martin learns some things about himself, which keeps the novel engag-

ing.
Green also has a fine facil-

ity for poetic language, sur-prising for a journalist. De-

He had dementia. One time he woke up laughing. Whats funny I asked. He numbled: the story in the paper. I picked up a news paper from the floor. On page 2 the head line said: WOMAN TRES TO STOP FIGHT BETWEEN TWO 5000 LB. EVERHANTS. No thats not it he said and fell asleep.

longing to escape in the titles the essays, "Into the Drift and Sway" and "Doing Time in a Disposable Body." Caught in his own failing flesh, his thoughts turn to men's bodies, and he is hurled into sexual reveries that are tragic, touching, and unusually graphic, as are the stark watercolors which accompany them.

beautiful them.

David's sexual memories include a lyric meeting with a deaf man, a rape suffered during his homeless teenage days, and a sexual escapade as a PWA. "One of the guys turns and opens his mouth wide and gestures towards it. He nods at me but I turn away. He wouldn't understand. Too bad he can't see the virus in me, maybe it would rearrange something in him."

would rearrange something in him."

No longer able to abstract his own dying, the author charts his course as he recedes from the living. "I am waving to you from here. I am screaming but it comes out like pieces of clear ice. I am waving. I am disappearing. I am disappearing. I am disappearing. I am disappearing but not fast enough."

Fighting for Life

David Wojnarowicz fought censors and politicians, with writing that seems destined to escape popularity. A willfully uncomprehending America—and most gay men—find his sex scenes too scary, his autobiography too harrowing. Close to the Knives is what he called his 1991 collection of autobiographical essays. In it, images of a shredded life abound. His essay, Being Queer in America, is subtitled "A Journal of Disintegration".

But if gay men were de-prived the fullness of life, David Wojnarowicz would continue to reach for it, write about it, and depict it. He never ceased his fight against never ceased his fight against the powers of oppression and ignorance, even from his hospital bed. It was David's credo that making public something private "has terrific repercussions." This painful, beautiful book, this howling work of art, is a haunting vehicle for remembrance, and possibly, for change.

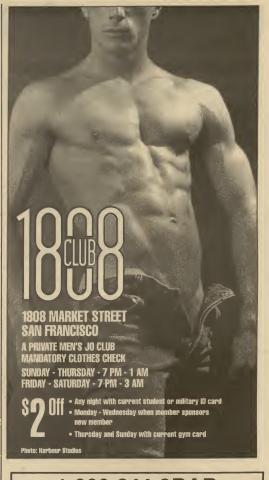
spite the occasional inappro-priate simile and confusing lapse into wordiness, this is a fairly well-written novel.

Nothing like a wellproportioned human form to turn the strongest of men into spineless fools.

But I have a problem with the plot of this novel, and maybe my problem has more

to do with my own values than a flaw in the novel itself. I don't really get the basis of Martin's infatuation with Matt. Matt's only attractive quality is his beauty. Matt withholds personal information, is self-destructive, aloof. A creep, basically.

Although Green delves into Martin's self-hatred, his need for companionship and his weakness for beauty, I finished the novel feeling unconvinced. Martin grows, emotionally and physically, because of his relationship with Matt. Matt starts him on the path of reinvention. But Matt. Matt starts him on the path of reinvention. But Green chooses to focus on the power of Matt's physicality. In my book, beauty alone isn't enough to instill the type of devotion Martin feels for Matt. Maybe another reader would disagree. ▼



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Morrissey

ity that both amuses and annoys. See Morrissey in a blue satin blouse frolic with his hooligan bandmates, who flash biceps, tattoos, and razor-sharp flattops. Tres butch and clone-ish. When one handsome lout approaches Morrissey while lasciviously licking an ice cream cone, you can't help but laugh (Morrissey does). Still, in an era when dude-band Nirvana is wrongfully applauded for patronizingly playing gay on a national TV show, the coyness of this clip is downright irritating.

The album's cover photo is delightfully lewd: Morrissey on stage, nipples bared to the crowd, tongue protruding, his crowd, tongue protruding, his microphone gripped erect at his crotch. It's a silly, provocative picture, suggesting that Morrissey's arsenal consists of his mouth and cock, language and sex. Does it? It certainly did in the past. "Your Arsenal," though, is disappointingly lacking in both areas. Like the "We Hate It" video, the cover photo is just a big tease.

Missing Muse

Where has Morrissey's muse gone? After years of penning some of the most literate, emotionally stirring, and thought-provoking songs in non music history him. in pop music history, his inspiration began to fizzle

The majority of the songs fall into three categories: chip on shoulder; preaching to the converted; and self-pitying tirade.

around 1989. The lyrics on "Your Arsenal" are flat as a pancake. Gender-bending wordplay is sadly missing. The majority of the songs

all into three categories: chip on shoulder; preaching to the converted; and self-pitying tirade. Morrissey has mined these territories in the past, but never have his explorations sounded so trite and groundless. It's hard to empathize with a person who mourns "No one has given me anything" without provid-

ing a context.

Although Morrissey's flair for clever verbal twists pops or clever verbal twists pops up occasionally, the lyrics on this album are, overall, unin-teresting and leave no after-taste. His smooth crooning throughout heightens the

Musically, "Your Arsenal" is decidedly nostalgic, borrowing heavily from early 70s glam rock and 50s rockabilly. Morrissey's fondness for Marc Bolan and pre-jumpsuit Elvis Presley is well known. Several riffs are lifted directly from T.Rex.

Fossil Rescue

Fortunately, the album is saved from retro irrelevance by rock and roll fossil Mick by rock and roll tossil Mick Ronson's shiny production, which gives Your Arsenal a lively glow sorely lacking on last year's Kill Uncle. A few of the tracks, particularly "Certain People I Know" and "Glamorous Glue," are real stompers. The new single, "You're the One For Me, Fat-tv," sounds especially vibrant.

ty," sounds especially vibrant.
Morrissey is immensely
popular with suburban American teenagers these days, perhaps because he's stopped cheering deviants and started cheering deviants and started mothering adolescents. Deviance is a condition, a lingering state of mind, whereas adolescence is a phase. Songs like "You're Gonna Need Someone On Your Side" and "I Know It's Gonna Happen Someday," both exceptionally condescending in second-person point of view, are pacifiers to ease kids through crises of self-doubt. Unfortunately, Morrissey no longer says anything to me about my says anything to me about my life.



The late John Cage (left) with his longtime companion, Merce Cunningham

John Cage Dies at 79

by Philip Campbell

vant-garde compos-er John Cage died from a stroke last week in Manhattan. He would have been 80 on September 5. Known primarily for his music (though many, including himself might have called it anything but), Cage was also an essay-ist, poet, painter and inventor. His interest in Mycology also made him an expert on mush-

rooms.

The imprint he left on 20th century art can not be over-stated. Certainly the first "minimalist," John Cage was taught during the early '30s by twelve-tone composer Arnold Schoenberg. That in-

Arnold Schoenberg. That in-flexible system appears oppo-site to Cage's later writing; he moved away from serialism rather quickly.

By 1938 Cage had orga-nized a percussion ensemble.
In 1940 he wrote his first works for prepared piano, where the sound is altered by placing objects such as nails. placing objects such as nails, paper, tacks, even rubber bands between the strings. The results inspired as much praise as derision, but the in-trepid explorer moved unfazed to experiments with magnetic tape.

It was around this time that Cage began his personal and professional partnership with choreographer Merce Cunningham. While students at the Cornish School of the Arts in Seattle, Cage encouraged Cunningham to start his own dance company and then own dance company and then stayed on as music director and composer. Cunningham conducted the premiere of Cage's Piano Concerto at Town Hall in New York in 1958. Written to inevitably differ at each performance, the Concerto was to prove a seminal influence on composers as diverse as Witold Lutoslawski and Karlheinz Stockhausen.

Inventor Genius

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Schoenberg once portrayed Cage as "not a composer, but an inventor of genius."
Cage himself, often proclaimed his lack of training and musical aptitude, while gleefully denouncing harmony as a tool of western commercialism. His interest in oriental metaphysics profoundly influenced his own work and blossomed with his effect on other artists such as Robert Rauschenberg and Jasper Johns. The revolutionary attitude that freed him from centuries of western from centuries of western formalism infiltrated every part of the American and European avant-garde from the '50s to the present.

The warmth of Mr. Cage's

The warmth of Mr. Cage's humor and patchwork spirituality is evident in his writings and audacious performance pieces. His actual music is pretty rough going for ears trained to the western world's harmony. Cage said most musicians could not free themselves from the need for sounds to connect, respond. sounds to connect, respond,

Conservatives label such works as 1952's 4'33', musical gimmiery and Cage a charlatan (the score is four minutes and thirty-three seconds of si-lence divided into three sec-tions). For others, Cage was a genius at shaking complacent listeners into new auditory awareness

At 79, John Cage did not live an exceptionally long life, but his time on earth cut a swath across continents and influenced generations of artists and thinkers, especially those in the gay community

Frederick A. "Fox" Owens Mar. 5, 1928-July 30, 1992

Fred "Fox" Owens, 64, died of AIDS complications on July 30, 1992 at the Chris Brownlie Hospice in Los Angeles. Funeral services were held August 4 at St. Luke's Catholic Church, Ridgewood, NJ. He is survived by two brothers, one sister and several nieces and nephews and a

brothers, one sister and several nieces and nephews and a number of friends in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

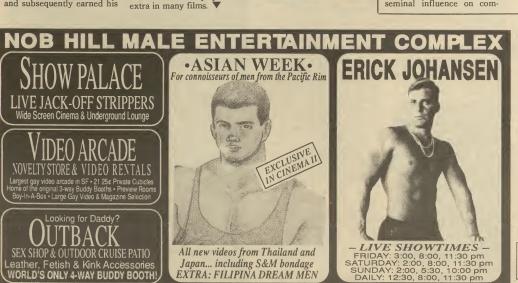
Born in Ridgewood, NJ, he attended local schools, graduating in 1946. Shortly afterwards, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and served until 1950. He received his Bachelor's degree from the University of the server of the se elor's degree from the University of Miami, Coral Gables and subsequently earned his

Masters at San Francisco State and his Ph.D from Fielding Institute in Santa

He lived for twenty years in San Francisco while serv-ing as chairman of the Theatre Arts department at the College of Alameda. He authored two books, Theatre Games and More Theatre

Besides his vocation as a professor of drama, Fred's avocation was acting and he appeared in a number of plays in the Bay Area. Mr. Owens retired to Los Angeles in 1988 and, since that time, he worked as a bit player and extra in many films.





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To Your Health

Skin Tight: The External Approach to Healthy Skin

by Dianne Aaronson

ast week I introduced the internal approach to healthier skin, touch-ing on such subjects as diet and the desirable/non-desirable effects of ingesting spe-cific foods and liquids. This col-umn will offer more external methods for the achievement of a cleaner, healthier and bet-ter toned skin.

Calisthenics for Faces

Though briefly touched upon in my last column, I'd like to elaborate a bit more on the role of exercise in skin

care.

In general, if the goal is to rid the skin of impurities and blemishes, then look to the cardiovascular forms of exercise. They allow for a sustained period of activity, during which the body can work up a good sweat. If, on the other hand, skin tone is the desired goal, stretching or Yoga and some type of weight bearing/resistance exercises should be contance exercises should be con-

tance exercises should be considered.

Specific exercises can be used for the face. Many moons ago, when I studied pantomime, our warm-ups included facial exercises. Some of them hurt like hell, and I no longer do them. Their purpose was to keep the facial muscles longer do them. Their purpose was to keep the facial muscles stretched and toned — in our case so that we could slide through facial expressions with ease. I offer them here for two reasons. The first is that my 50 year-old teacher (who besides having studied with Marcel Marceau was also an accomplished gymnast and dancer) looked twenty years younger than his age, face included. The second reason is that lack of muscle tone and other nutrients to the face control of the second reason of the reason of the plood and other nutrients to the face control of the second reason is that lack of muscle tone and other nutrients to the face control of the plood and other nutrients to the face control of the plood and other nutrients to the face control of the plood and other nutrients to the face control of the plood and other nutrients to the face control of the plood and other nutrients. other nutrients to the face contributes largely to sagging facial skin. To lessen the impact of gravity, some people lie on a slant board.

Not for Public Viewing

The only tool you'll need for The only tool you'll need for facial exercise is your face and a room with a door on it, so as not to frighten your roommates. If you've got a sense of humor, by all means use a mirror. The most basic exercises are simply contraction and expansion of the facial muscles, including the eyes. The expansion portion of this move requires that you open your mouth as wide as you can, until you feel a real pull on your muscles, at the same time raising your eyebrows and opening your eyes as much as possible, as if in surprise. Hold this pos-

as if in surprise. Hold this pos-ture until you ache.

The reverse, or contraction involves scrunching up your mouth, face and eyes as tight as you can, like a prune.

Though the old wives' tale about wrinkles warn never to smile or frown, I think in the case of expansion/contraction, you're safe. vou're safe

There are probably as many facial recipes as there are food items in your kitchen.

Another route to healthier Another route to healthier skin is through massage — full body and/or hands and feet for the removal of toxins and increased efficiency of the organs, and facial massage for increased circulation and muscle tone of that specific area.

If you've ever experienced, or soon plan to receive a facial, try to memorize the massage

try to memorize the massage moves. If you're lucky, your esthetician will devote a good amount of time to that portion the treatment. One tech-que is to drum and walk your fingers (as if you're wait-ing impatiently for someone) along your face, especially high on the cheekbones and around the eyes to stimulate this often ignored area. It is preferable to stroke in an upward motion against the natural pull of gravity.

Elixer of the Ages

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Hydrotherapy is one of the oldest and most widely used forms of bodily relaxation, cleansing, and toning, whether in the form of a wet sauna, bath or steam.

The most basic of cleansing rituals require only a tub of hot water and either epsom salts or a box of baking soda added to the tub. These two substances have the ability to pull toxins through the skin, which is the body's largest organ of eliminabody's largest organ of elimina-tion. Whether to ease sore mus-cles or get rid of a cold or flu, water is an ancient cure all

Oils and Essences

Oils containing various herbal and flower essences can be used in conjunction with massage or hydrotherapy. Ol-bas or similar oils containing eucalyptus and menthol work well in wet saunas and baths to clear sinuses and generally cleanse the body. Each essence has a unique property. A stimulating bath, for instance, would contain a few drops of Juniper and/or Rosemary. To chieve a proper playing effect. Juniper and/or Rosemary. To achieve a more relaxing effect, look toward lavender or camomile. (For a more in-depth look at this subject, see The Art of Aromatherapy by Robert B. Tisserand.)

Food for the Face

There are probably as many There are probably as many facial recines as there are food items in your kitchen. I'm including a few old standbys 1 found in Secrets of Health and Beauty by Linda Clark. This book is at least twenty years old, but worth owning if you can find it.

For acne — Make a face pack with bran (the kind you eat), baking soda and water, apply the mixture to your face and leave for 15 minutes.

the mixture to your face and leave for 15 minutes. For blackheads and other impurities — Heat some honey slightly and spread over your face. Tap gently. This produces a pulling sensation, drawing blood to the surface, and it helps purify the skin surface. Wash gently with warm water. Or, make a paste of oatmeal, honey and the white of an egg. Apply to skin, massage ten minutes and remove with tepid water.

minutes and remove with tepid water.

To tighten or tone skin — Beat together one egg, I tbs. milk, I tsp. honey. Apply to neck and face and allow to harden, leave on as long as you like. Remove with warm water followed by cold. (This dates back to Cleopatra.)

Rough scaly skin' — Mayon-

back to Cleopatra.)
Rough scaly skin — Mayonnaise facial — massage into skin for fifteen minutes and rinse thoroughly with tepid water.
Dry skin — Use a mashed banana or peach in olive oil and apply as a pack. Let stand for fifteen minutes and wash off with lukewarm water.
Face peel — To remove the dead top layer of old skin, use a mask of mashed papaya which apparently contains an

a mask of mashed papaya which apparently contains an enzyme which will literally eat off the skin debris. (Sounds gruesome, doesn't it?) Leave on twenty minutes and rinse.

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Bondage dad seeks hard smooth guy, get tied up disciplined worshipped. Play slave games. Inexp OK. EXT. 4587

SM participants wanted for dissertation interview. Anonymity assured FXT 4588

GWMinto assplay seeks discreet weekday meetings. You: vers. and into ass. EXT 4589

Hot young Mexican stud wanted by GWM 33 hot and horny and ready for action or relationship. EXT 4590

Big belly, big cock on solid not fat GWM 5'11' 180lbs 44, HIV-Seeks slender WM HIV-. EXT 4591

Fine and cute BM 5'9' 180lb w/ a bubble butt seeks a LM or WM who's gym-toned & needs a fuck buddy. 21-32yo only. EXT 4592

Got a boyfriend? Want an affair? Attr GWM 32 5'7' 140lbs own place healthy HIVpos sex only, no strings. EXT 4593

Thirsty jock wants your recycled beer any way he can get it. Serious tops only. EXT 4594

Calling all tops! Handsome slave/btm seeks hot daddy master types for very hot times, dom. Hung tops only! EXT 4595

Small endowed WM 5'9' 30 goodlooking wants to be bottom to 18 to 35. Also oral. Please reply. EXT 4596

Attractive WM loves to receive W/S from BM on call. EXT 7691

WM 49yrs 5'4' 125lbs healthy HIVpos 7' versatile, strong, caring carpenter/musician seeks lover, buddy, friend, WM, BM. EXT 4598

Fit 5'7'33/32 Levi, hot FFB beard, tatts, deep throat, bondage, sling heavy duty session w/ power trip top fist. EXT 4599

GAM 28, 130lbs 5'4' seeks men 18-35 for frndshp. Seeks sincere & honest non-smoker, serious only pls. Thanks. EXT 4600

Like fast boats? Skng 18-20yo who would enjoy driving easygoing older man's modern twin engine cruiser around SF Bay. Stove, refrig, hot/cold running water, TV Prefer youthful energy & honesty. No sex required. EXT 4601

Cute 27yo GWM hairy legs & butt, HIV-, seeks GBM/GLM hairy hung. Into sucking, WS JO huge 'shroom heads. EXT 4602

GWM 34yo HIVpos br/bl 5'10' 160lbs, healthy. Many interests. Attrac. Sks same for fun & friendship. EXT4603

Looking for select East Bay guys 18-30 for mutual JO. Let's have fun. EXT 4604

Looking for sex, dates or rel. w/ GM 35-50. I'm tall BM, 45 masc, gym-toned, bottom. EXT 4605

GWM 59 6'2' 198lbs HIV- N/S retired likes to travel & lead the good life. Ready to explore opening heart to love and be loved. You: 20-40 unout HIV-open to friendship & hopefully much more. EXT 4606

GWM 35 5'10' 200lbs blonde hair blue eyes, bottom, seeks horny, masc Asian, Latino, Indian or Arab top man for good times. I give great oral sex & exlnt full body massage.EXT 4607

BVDs Jockeys white breifs! If these turn you on and you're young and in shape, let's get together and jerk off in our underwear. EXT4608

Scat bottom pig into all kinds FF WS videos. Let's partry all nite long. Couples welcome. EXT 4609

Dogs, your uncut dicks need attention. Lay back and enjoy service by 38yo blond greeneyes, mustache, HIV- EXT4610

GWM 38 6'3' 190lbs bl br HIVathletic looking for fit fun masc mostly complete top any race (Latin a plus) over 35. EXT 4611

Handsome BM 5'11' 180lbs looking for masc handsome Asian, Hispanic men w/ round bubble butts who like to suck dick & have their butts played with EXTAB12

GAM 27yo smooth slender sks GWM under 35yo for romance, safe sex, sharing, good times together. EXT 4613

Handsome BM 32 5'11' 180lbs looking for masc. handsome inteeligent BM who like to take their time making love. EXT4614

Weekend Pal. BM wants WM 18-24yo for fun. Must be clean, drug free. I'm 34. EXT 4616

New hot hunky stud in town. Masc WM 28 serious BB top, hung w/ 9 plus sks other masc WMBB and hardbodies. Would like to meet couple. Looking for hot safe action. No BS No fems. Boy Toy. GWM youthful clean goodlooking, seeking big dicks to play with JO BJ licking, worship.EXT4617

Attr. intelligent 6'1' 170lbs healthy sexy attached GWM 35 seeks cute smart GWM GAM for fun. EXT 4618

Bury your face in my hairy ass. Looking to get extended rimmed and sucked Fuck a smooth bubble butt. Horny! EXT 4619

Tall handsome GBM sks tall GW top 30-55 for fun & good times. Me: vers, cute 6'4' 220lbs, youthful 50. EXT 4620

Are you my one & only? Black ex-marine, new to SF seeks uncut 55plus relationshiporiented man. EXT 4621

HIVpos dating club. Discreet, confidential. EXT4623

Beefy WM 35yo gdlking musc w/bubble butt seeks hunky stracting BM/LM for hot sexual play (Bi/BB a plus). EXT 4624 Show me the way. Inexperienced guy in mid-20s seeks GWM to show me the ropes. Please be clncut & easygoing. I'm 6'0' 150lbs & part Asian. EXT4641

Seeking expert oral mechanic with lots of experience to service my hot rod. Attracted to mature men 60 plus only. Me: WM married 44, 6' 170lbs cleancut looking clean trim body. EXT 4642

Attractive Latino looking for romantic intel tender man to date & who knows for a long lasting relationship. Race or color unimportant. EXT4643

Hung master 50 5'11' 180lbs & slave 36, both married & HIV-seek third top or bot. South Bay only your place. EXT 4644

GBM 6' 155 handsome top 9 plus seeks btm for good times in Hayward on a reg basis. I'm clean shaven smooth skin w/ flat stomach. Cum & get it. EXT

Good man 40s warm heart, lively humor, intelligent, seeks somewhat younger, cheerful, enthusiastic man for hot nipple play, hotter kisses, oral action. HIVpos, smoker. EXT 4647

Mutual kisses, nipple work, oral delights. Blond 40s 5'9' 158 HIVpos seeks slightly younger bright playmate, once or forever. You won't regret it. Days OK. EXT4648

R there any cowboys left over from the Rodeo? Husky GWM BTM HIVpos goodlking seeks tops who like to ride. Cum break this broncol EXT 4649

Dudes 18-20 into heavy metal or skateboarding or bodybuilding or super nes. Bisexual? Videos to watch! EXT 4633

Ready, willing and very able! Cute Filipino, 27 5'5' nice build, sks uncut, vers attr WM top 25-35, to be 'buddies.' EXT4634

GAM 26 HIV- 120lbs gym-toned seeks affectionate assertive top who enjoys life in/out of bed. I like many types but be smart, fun, want sex & more if it feels right. EXT 4635

E Bay GBM attrac, virile 60, 5'11' 172lbs seeks others, any race for friendship, companionship & fun. EXT 4636

31yo GWM top sks Asians 25-35yo for fun, kisses, hot times, intimate evenings. No games. I'm honest, caring & affectionate. Try me. EXT4650

Muscular hairy GWM 47yo looking 4 GAM 4 hot massage JO oral love on regular basis. NS ND HIV- SF area. EXT 4651

BM seeking horny musc/masc stud 21-35yo to service on a reg. basis. Me:24yo 5'10' 180' 9' dick & a bubble butt. Call if horny. EXT 4652

Hypersensual daddy FFB sks topfist who 'sees' with his hands. Nonsighted top a plus, any age, race. Permanent top buddy very desirable. EXT 4656

Hot Asian wanted by Asian guy to svc your every sexual desire. Lite B&D, S&M to meet your expectations. HIV-, no fats, fems. FXT4653

X-tight F-skins serviced by 50s GWM w/beard-stache, any size dick, any age, but UR slim to trim & Latino, Asian or White. My home. EXT4654

Youthful very attractive wellendowed & versatile 37yr man seeks Bi or Gay singles/couples for 3 ways. EXT 4655

Italian ex-football jock needs butt mounted & pumped on reg. basis. Call for description. All replies considered. EXT 4658 East Bay saeking guys who know they like dirty talk and JO more than I do. Later nite only. Drink, party, etc. EXT 4700

Goodlooking GWM 43yrs young seeks same, goodlooking, handsome GWM, 18-45 yrs. young for fun, friendship, maybe even romance! New in SF? Can be yr escort & show you everything, everywhere, plus I like my nice dick sucked! EXT. 4701

GLM uncut would like to meet top uncuts masculine fore sex and fun kinki but safe Lv number, time to reach you. Love to get fuck & suck. EXT. 4702

Gdlking GWM 32yo auburn/br 5'11' 1751bs hairy well-bit athlitc HIV- wild, raunchy gdlking GWM 28-36yo who likes hours & hours on end of hot sucking, ass eating, F..., I mean sweatdripping marathons that take place in dirty greasy garages, barns off the freeway. anywhere, you name it. EXT. 4703

Are you little, lean and like to fuck a big guy? 6'2' 210lbs athletic sexy 42 HIVpos. Any race OK, esp. Asians, Latinos. PWAs OK. Pure fun, no SM. Condoms. EXT. 4704

Mild Oak-Berkeley GW widower, 41 Average, healthy, HIVpos substance free. No car. Low intensity companions. EXT. 4705

Athletic Asian 44, 5'9' attracted to lean, smooth, clean-shaven WM into outdoors, sports, arts, travel, films and hot romance. EXT. 4706

Extra handsome laid back professional dick swallower wants heavy hung slender BM to drain. Extraordinary home vidoes of the biggest you'll ever see available to view EXT. 4707

47 yr old healthy BM HIVpos Top, seeks sex with healthy HIVpos couples. EXT 4708

This hot horny GWM exhibitionist wants to show off his 6' 160lb lean musc tanned body to horny voyeurs. Like to perform long JO shows with tit CB toys. You provide mirrors, a spotlight and lots of dirty talk and I guarantee you hot cunshooting raunch. EXT 4709

Unique young man who relates to an older, intelligent, wealthy wordly older man for a rewarding monogamous relationship. Call this erudite renaisance man. EXT

Glances

Runway 92, 8-1. You: mid-age WM in green Polo standing near 1st exit, stage left. 31yo Asian wants to meet. EXT. 4690

Berkeley YMCA - Sun 8/2 2:15pm. Had a great time. Wanna meet you outside of the showers. EXT 4627

Met you walking home from Cala on Hyde St. You- blond musc hot. Would love to talk to you again! EXT 4628

July 28 5:30 pm, quality tune-up center Walnut Creek. We said hello. Would like to meet you. EXT 4629

Oliveto - 7/2 7pm UR dark 6' khaki shorts exec type/ penetrating eyes. Let's meet! I was too shy. EXT 4630

Dirty laundry. Wed 7/22 - you dropped yours off while I parked

& hurried off. Would like to see you smile again. EXT4631

You ride a bike and work at CCU. I'm in hemo and going crazy over you. Let's meet and get to know each other. EXT 4646

S. Rosa, big E. escalator on 7/20. Our eyes met. We said hello 10 minutes later in the mall. This top would like to know you better! EXT.4573

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Looking for horny masc/musc stud who loves to get his big dick sucked after his workouts, or in the morning. Me: very handsome Blk/Ital 27yo 5'10'180lbs gymtoned bod & a big 9' dick of my own. 21-35yo only please. Any race. EXT4637

Middle Eastern, Italian in shape attractive? Then read on. I'm Dutch Amer. 37 5'8' 145lbs blue eyes, dark close beard, hairy intelligent, vers. Hot visibly & physically. EXT.4638

Cocksucking with great stamina. Passive /active. Now you get great body. EXT 4639

Far North Bay Valley guy. Great looking very young 40 likes Verdi, Stones, Wagner, Dylan, Kurosawa, Capra, Fellini, food, dogs. Seeks same. EXT 4640 Hot boy cocksucker 24 6'1' 185lbs bl/bl, stocky, goodlooking, seeks coach/daddy to feed me his big uncut dick. Be well-blt, masc, cleancut, verbal. EXT 4539

Santa Rosa GWM 5'9' 145lbs brn/brn, wants to meet others to 45 in S.R. area Must be in shape, any race. EXT 4711

GWM 40 bl/bl 6' seeks a young

Are you an attr. clncut Scandinavian type, HIV- 25-40 w/ 7' uncut tool looking for an attr Ital Amer GM 35, 5'11' 180lbs 7' cut tool, to spend weekend excursions camping or driving along Highway 17Let's explore each others desires. EXT

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Hung EBay BM needs some mature DT experts. I'm 40 5'9" 170# 9½". Experts only. No phone machine games. EXT

Edge - Monday 20 - 9 pm - You: Drk-Mstc He-at wndow Me: cute - walk by. Let's meet. EXT 4531

Beeft WM 35yo gdlking/musc w/bubble butt sks hunky str-acting BM/LM for hot sexual play Bi BB a+. EXT. 2242

39yo EBay GWM Long blonde hair 'stache healthy HIV+ 5'9" 195# seeks healthy HIV+ top under 40 small endowed or avg. poss relationship. EXT. 4533

GWM 38 5' 10" top looking for hot guys 18-25 who like to give head and get fucked hot times. EXT. 4534

Hot 'n' hungry gdlking 30s toned GWM btm expert ckskr needs well hung 8½ + top to 45 muscles & UR BI a +. EXT. 4535

Gdlking hungry bottom 35 gym-toned needs your big 8½ meat 4 my talented throat & butt no fats. EXT. 4536

Hot hungry expert troat + attrac 30s gymtoned GWM btm need hot 8 ½ top to 45 . Fill me up. No chubs. EXT. 4537

Hot lips! GWM 34 6'2" 220# stocky seeks Bi and gay men who lay back and let a cocksucker go to work! EXT. 4540

San Bruno Latins, I want to meet U Latins drive me wild Good times adv or just sex me n you %ez goin'. EXT. 4541

Fit atn P. lots ground crw I wnt to accm u on trips 4 fun n adv or quiet layovers. Me Ital tall cute. EXT. 4538

Big hairy Mid-Western guy likes lean and smooth HIV+ boy for adventures. Me 6' br/gr 200lbs 33 6" EXT. 4543

Lover wanted - cute & edu GAM 29yo 120lb sks gdlking GWM 25-30 for monogamous relationship. EXT. 4544

Big dicks sucked real good. You: big dick, like getting sucked. Me: cocksucker. Serious only. Convenient location w/s a+1 EXT. 4545

Seeking attrac masc male 28-42 HIV- for dating safe sex relationship. I'm a WJM 35 5'11" 160# bl/bl. EXT.4546

GW couple wants to meet senior GWM singles or couples for friendship, socializing and support. EXT.4547

Hot masc couple sought by attr vers Italian, 30 HIV+ great dick. No inhibitions, possible longterm friendship. EXT.4548

Asian 28yo, handsome in shape 5'9" 170# looking for friends, sex buddy. You: 30-45yo, mature, friendly, any race. EXT. 4549

GLM 33 seeks caucasian tops. I'm a bottom. Leave mess. EXT. 4550

GBM seeks GWM needs tight butt to pound for reg. serv. 'stache & masc only. Can be verst. EXT.4551

GWM cocksucker 34, 6'2" 220# seeks bi and gay men to lay back and enjoy a hot set of lips. I'm good! EXT.4552

Fuck buddy wanted in SF Latino men into getting fucked by yng BM w/a big dick. You 18-35 Latino cln cut musc & tight ass. Your place. EXT.4553

E Bay bi BM 6'2" nice build 45 versatile seeks 25-45 BM LM AM for friendship, cuddlin' sex and fun. EXT.4554

Butt Eater! Hot W/M 35 6' 160#br/bl bushy 'stache wants to eat out your hot buttl Let em tickle you with my mustache. EXT. 4513

Attractive affectionate romantic Btm looking for same in a top. Longing for relationship, love, romance, cuddling, sex. Would love to fall in love. EXT. 4514

Marin 25yo professional WM. I like cooking dancing camping etc. HIV–5'7" 150# bl/bl looking for similar to have fun. No drugs. EXT.4555

Gdlking Latino 31yo 5'10" 165# in shape sking top GWM for friendship possibly boyfriend. Prefer well hung. EXT.4556

Mature slaves sought. Me; handsome top, creative & strict. You; elegant older, generous, submissive. EXT.4557

23yo cute queer Pagan seeks friends: hippies, witches, Deadheads, faeries. Let's meet! Long hair a+. EXT.4558

Tired of reading ads that are looking for young hung hunks? Me too!! Latin 44 short ave looking smoker beer belly. Have been told that I have a hot hairy ass. Ilove getting fucked doggy style!! Seek 40+ ave topman for regular hot safe action. South Bay area. EXT.4559

Super hairy stud sks same for chestto-chest cock-to-cock grinding and pounding in sweat and cum. EXT.4560

Bear vs. Bear Rasslin'! GWM bear 5'8" 150# very hairy & bearded wants same to hit the mats at my cavel EXT.4561

S&M participants needed for dissertation interview. Strictly confidential. EXT.4563

Hot GWM 5'7" 160# musc seeks glkg musc guys who like watching porn & getting great head. I'm the best! EXT.4565

Dominant, masc WM, well-built, hung big, wants in-shape, pass/subm WM w/hairy bod, 20-30s. EXT.4566

Well built WM 5'11" hung big w/huge low hangers, has a hungry tongue for hairy well-blt WM w/a hot, hairy bubble butt-20s-30s. EXT.4567

Exhibitionist wanted in SF. Guys into getting fucked by yng BM w/a big dick in front of open windows, etc. You 18-35 tight ass, your place. EXT.4568

Musc Cauc, 34yo, sks smooth skinned Asian w/smooth, well-rounded, musc legs. I'm sincere & rltnshporiented. Pls no games, flakes or fats. EXT.4569

If you have gigantic nipples. I want to meet you. Musc 34yo w/ a very satisfying mouth. EXT.4570

In Oakland - Obsessed with cocks, strictly mutual dirty talk, jerk off while getting fucked up. Age, looks unimportant. Main thing-cock worship. FXT4571

You're GWM, 6'2", lean athletic blue eyes. You answered my Barīalk ad Wed, 6/10, but your phone # didn't get recorded. Asian w/ hot mouth, throat & ass asks that you please call again. Discretion assured. EXT.4572

Late morning sex buddy. Me: 40, cute, GWM, 6'5" 200lbs, top. You: cute, GWM, 18-35, slim, bottom. Ass massage, light spank. You need it bad. Call now. EXT.4574

Bi Asian male lking for others BAMs 20/40s for friendship & sexual manto-man sex. HIV— musc lking to service your hot dick. Lv message. EXT.4575

HIV- hairy bear 35 6ft 195 seeks cub for good times 23-30 5ft-5'9" Latino or blonde. Only serious need call. EXT.4578

39yo E Bay GWM HIV+ long blond hair, stache, healthy 5'9" 195lbs seeks small-endowed HIV+ healthy top man for possible relationship or just fun. Me, horny, you hornier. Call. EXT.4579

Hot Italian offers serious oral serciving on reg basis to men who need prolonged licking & sucking. EXT.4576

2 hot btms lking for horny tops for wild 3-ways. Both very ready & eager to pls. All replies answered. Serious only. EXT.4577

Hot, horny, GWM couple (37 & 29) hung, with pierced tits and 'staches, seek similar men and couples between 30 & 50 for steamy sex. EXT.4581

Gay couple BM/30 & WM/50 interested in meeting other couples/singles for friendship, evenings in/out or other adventures. EXT.4582

Black Male 30 looking for fishing partner. I am starting to fish and find that I know nothing about the sport. If you know fishing? Drop me a line and be willing to teach me how to handle my rod. EXT.4583

Hot handsome Asian 25yrs old, tall with smooth swimmer's build and body is looking for GWM 20 to 35. Only HIV- with muscular body, who enjoy cuddling & hot safe sex for friendship or possible relationship. Jewish a plus. EXT.4584

Dungeon Master wanted in SF. Put this young BM w/a big dick in chains and supply me with young bottoms to fuck at your command you: yng leather with fully equipped dungeon. EXT.4585

I'm 26yo white male, cute, young looking, brn hair, blu eyes, skinny, HIV-, no diseases, looking for a white male (HIV-) 18-28yo for a boyfriend in San Mateo County only. Romance, dinner, movies, music and commitment for meaningful relationship.

Help this cub become the greatest cocksucker everl Prefer musc, uncut daddy. cigars, WS, spank. EXT. 4661

Hot young Latin 22 who needs some lovin' by older white male. Let's keep it together. EXT.4662

I'm a 37yo BM. Love men who are hung 9' and over any race but over 18. Must be drug free. I have a home and car. Reno, dining out. EXT. 4663

Young 40s slave guy needs owner. You hung HIV- total obedience lifelong master all property incl. EXT. 4664

Extremely hairy GWM HIV- sub, passive dog seeks masters GWM GLM, St. bi to be crawling, foot slave too. EXT. 4665

Hairy musc Ital GWM likes body contact, kissing 69 & more prefer short men NS ND HIV- call with ideas. EXT.4666

Size Alert! 8' top sks aggressive masc bottoms not afraid of contradictions like intimate sleaze. EXT. 4667 Xtra hot, Xtra handsome butch stud 36yo seeks oralists-bottoms 18-30yrs. If you like being bedded down by a real man. Fems and queens encouraged to call. Neutral meeting ground a must. Discreet. EXT. 4668

Hot Dad FFB, tatts 2 a hole w/bndg sling NDs hvy duty mind flap dom topfist. Any age race, top cpls welcome. EXT. 4669

Hot in shape GWM 27 brn/grn sks gdlking muscular man 20-45, any size/race. I'm versatile, safe, HIV-. EXT. 4670

GLM 31 handsome hung seeks playmate for fun & frolic you GWM 30-50, hung outgoing, fun healthy HIVpos ok. EXT. 4671

39 yo GWM seeks BM same age/younger for physical intimacy, pleasure. No smoking, drugs, kink. EXT. 4672

Seek hot Italian for prolonged oral servicing, prolonged licking an sucking bottom into dildo by top. EXT.4673

Workout partner sought by GAM 27 trim. You provide home gym eqip. I; motivation. Serious only. No sex pls. EXT. 4674

Looking for a black man to train me either as a scat bottom or top. Me: 47 yrs GWM. EXT. 4675

Hot masc top 5'10' 175 38yr good bod seeks together 40 yo smooth biubble butt Fr-Grk.Any race I'm healthy HIVpos. EXT. 4676

Bi or GWM into being serviced WD by GBM 30 to 50 Rdnd a plus Sacto area. EXT. 4677

Attractive, Black Stud 42 5'11' 200 HIV- seeks Arab, GLM, Hawaiian, redheads, Mex, Cubans, who is bottoms and straight-acting. EXT. 4678.

GWM 31yo sks HIV- beer belly man who likes his dick sucked while you drink your beer and smoke your cigar. I like raspberrys. EXT. 4679

Small endowed? WM 5'9' 30 goodlooking wants to be bottom to 18-35. Also oral. Please reply EXT. 4681

GWM needs to find an ass (GWM or Hsp NC) to fuck am 7to10pm 6to12 me 5'9' 170 chest hair HIV neg sbr. 30 to 45 want to fuck sober safe. EXT. 4682

SJ Asian sks hunky GWM w/moustache me: 25 5'8' 145lbs You: fit under 50 top/btm let's play! Life is short! EXT. 4684

WM 28-cute muscular looking for young cute Asians and Latinos for whatever turns you on. EXT. 4685

HIV pos blonde 32 GWM toned body looking for fun in the sun! with someone who is Latino Black GWM toned. EXT. 4686

Artist, writer, romantic, attractive creative in many areas, listener, open-minded, truthful, HIV- semi-spiritual. I enjoy living. EXT. 4687

Sexually conservative WM 36 5'8' 135 moustache very handsome seeks masc boyfriend over 35 who is affectionate, has own money, sense of humor, enjoys cuddling, sleeping together, no heavy drug habits. I'm very nice guy who isn't into anything kinky. Sex is not my priority but could happene if loving relaitonship is developed. EXT. 4688

GWM seeks couple for 3-way fun. I am 36 brn/brn 6' 190lbs HIVpos Italian. You are 25-40 HIVpos GWMen in stable and secure rel looking for a very oral bottom-top-middleman to share. E. Bay or SF. EXT. 4689

GWM 40plus trainee cock slave eagerly seeks mature master. Allow me the chance to service any and all cocks you command. If you would, use my polaroid to record my training! EXT. 4691

340 lb GWM 52 successful businessman,s traight appearing, likes jazz classical music theater. Loves to cook, collect and drink wines, travel. Most of all enjoys people. Looking for enployed GWM or Asian, tall strong, masculine, nurturing and intelligent to date and hopefully share life with. No drugs or hustlers. EXT 4692

Hairy man wanted by handsome GWM, blo-blu 5'11' 165lbs total oral submissive cocksucker asseater. Also into two men or group scene. EXT. 4693

Jock straps!! Man sweat! Locker room action WS dirty jock talk. Phone JO raunchy. No scat. All answered. EXT. 4694

WH wants SWM very butch verbal to suck his manhood the way he demands. It will beg for more, sir. EXT. 4695

Asian cocks get the attention of my hot eager mouth! Lay back for great head by attractive fit healthy GWM so good you'll come twice! EXT.4696

Young men need more! Two GWMs mid-20s hot and goodlooking need med to please. Let us take care of your needs. EXT. 4697

Bondage and full body massage by experienced male wanted by handsome athletic smooth Asian male. EXT. 4698

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San Francisco Saxophone
Quartet Performing works
by Mozart, Beethoven,
Debussy and Barber. A
benefit for Project Open
Hand, 8:00 pm Also Sat. \$15.
The Neptune Society
Columbarium, Loraine
Court (bet. Stanyan &
Arguello), SF.

SHOW
True West Sam Shepard's tale of sibling rivalry whirls into violent psychosis with plenty of toasters. Starring two real-life brothers (ooh, this could be good), 8:00 pm \$12 Also Sat, Sun at 7:00 (\$10), thru 9/13. The Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th/Folsom, SF. 621-4423.

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Don't Bother Me,
I Can't Cope
Micki Grant's Obie Awardwinning gospel, blues and
rock music show, featuring
Henrietta Davis Blackmon.
Directed and choreographed
by Stephen Semien. A
mixture of a block party and
a revival meeting, said the
NY Times. 8:00 pm, also 3:00
\$15. Gill Theatre USF
Campus Campion Hall Bldg,
at Fulton & Cole, SF. 5678916.

The Smell of Guilt
Religion, sex and violence
served up under the razor
pen of Lydia Lunch. This
short play slices through
closet priests, castrating
nurses and dark nasty guilt
with a butcher's subtlety.
Opens tonight, playing Fri. &
Sat. thru 9/12 at 8 pm. \$7-10.
Above Brainwash Theatre,
1126 Folsom/Langton SF. 8637035.

The Weekend
Tammis Day's romantic
comedy about four funny
rapier-wit women on an
isolated island off the coast of
Maine (On Golden Girl
Pond?). 8 pm \$15. Opens
tonight, runs thru 9/6. The
Cowell Theatre, Fort Mason,
Marina Blvd. at Buchanon,
SF. 392-4400.

One of These Days
What if Ralph Cramden and his buddy Norton's two sons were homos living in the Castro? The Honeymooners meet Queer Nation in this witty satire written and performed by Jeff Thompson and Joseph Leonardi (with special drag segues and a barb-wit waiter played by Drew Todd). Most of the gay parodies ring true, from the leather dork to the prissy actor. 8:30 p.m. Thu-Sat thru 8/22, \$10. Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th, SF. 861-5079.

Metamorphosis
The highly acclaimed dance theatre dramatization of Franz Kafka's classic tale of a man who is transformed into a gigantic bug. 8:00, 8:10-15. Wed - Sun thru 9/5 Climate Theatre 252 9th St, SF. 626-9196.

Pains of Youth
Mirror Theatre Company's
production of alienated
cynical medical students
dealing with fatal disease and
disillusion-ment. Present day
America? No, pre-Nazi
Germany (big diff). 8:00 pm
\$10. also Sat. Thru 9/12
Somar Theatre, 934 Brannan,
SF. 476-8333.

SCREEN In the Year of 13 Moons A film by Rainer Wener Fassbinder, shown on the 10th anniversary of his death. 8:00pm, \$5. 1800 Square Feet, 719 Clementina, SF 255-8510.

SCREEN SCREEN
Romantasy's Women's
Adult Preview Party
A horny slumber party
showing of 30 recently
released sex vids and feminist
erotica. Wear PJs.
Reservations required. 9:30pm
\$10, Romantasy, 199 Moulton,
SF. 673-3137.

MIX
O No Coronado
Fiery film fest to benefit
Craig Baldwin's production
costs of his counter
Quincentennial epic. Films by
Bill Daniel, Greata Snider,
Chuck Hudina, Steve Dye,
Matthew Day and Michael
Baron, plus a sneak preview
of Coronadoitself. videos by
Phil Patiris, Eric Saks and
Bradley Eros Live stuff by
Mountain Dew Drops,
Peppular Music. Whew! 9:00
pm \$5 The Elbo Room, 647
Valencia, SF.

CLUB
Unleash The Queen
With major dayglo advance
hype and free admission, this
night promises to be a major
mob scene, with DJs Bill
Torain, Jim Hopkins, Nikki
Rivera and Neon Leon.
9.00pm until the last queen
drops. \$40 Howard, bet. 1st &
2nd, SF. 281-8420.

MOVES
Bloodlines An evening of group dance/theatre works by Mercy Sidbury, including Joe Goode's solo for Sidbury, Five Meditations on the Death of a Gentle Woman, plus SF premiere of Chronicle. 8:30 pm \$12.
Theater Artaud, 450
Florida/17th, SF. 621-7797.



SATURDAY 22

SHOW
Classified
Fred Adler's solo show, set adrift a sea of media bombardment and an impossible job search, also includes *Dee*, a fantastical adaptation of the first 30 pages of *One Hundred Years of Solitude*. 8:00 pm \$10-12. Victoria Theatre, 2961 16th 863-7576.

TUBE
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Be the next Tracy Turnblatt!
Dance your homo butt off at
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up sweet and sharp. Guest
stars Pale and Patsy Cline. 36pm, Channel 25 Studios,
1855 Folsom/15th, 6th fl. Free
Parking! 337-4921. TUBE

VISUALS Fearless Gaze Photographs by John B. Davis, who died of AIDS this year, are compelling self-portraits. 10-5, Mon.Sat. Thru 8/31. Footwork Studio 3221 22nd, SF. 824-5044.

RAP
Sexual Fantasies and
Realities
Black and White Men
Together's rap and social
night 7:00pm 1350 Waller
(Masonic & Haight) SF. 826-

TRIP Girth and Mirth The club for chubby gay men and their admirers take their second annual trip to Santa Cruz. 824-0260.

BRUNCH AMASSI Fund Raising BreakfactBrunch Help the African-American AIDS Support Services and Survival while getting a good meal. 9am - 2pm. \$10. 3419 Martin Lutter King Jr. Way, Oakland. (510) 273-9996.

SUNDAY 23

SOUND
Indigo Girls
Are they dykes? Not officially
(yet). Who cares. Their
music's totally cool,
refreshing and inspirational.
Extra positive note: it's a
daytime show. 3:00 pm \$25\$20 Greek Theatre, Daly
Road, east side of UC
Berkeley. (510) 642-9988 or
BASS outlets.

SCHMOOZE Homoture Release Party Celebrate the 5th edition of one of SF's most precious, slick fun 'zines. Free copies to the first 100 attendees. 9:00pm-2:00am, Club Uranus at the End Up. 401 Harrison/6th, SF. 543-7700.

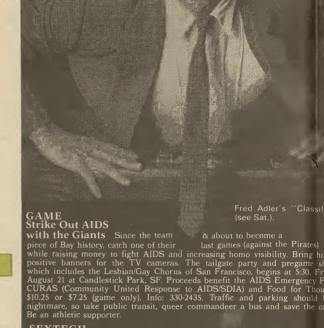
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SOUND/MOVES
Tierra Nueva
Seven Northern California
women bring their unique
and exciting blend of
traditional and new salsa
rhythms to the Bay. Dynamic
fancy footwork and heartwarming music. 7:30pm 86 La
Pena Cultural Center 3105
Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. 8492568.

CATWALK
Mr. and Ms. Pacific
Friends Pageant
A faboo competition of
sleepwear, casual wear and
evening wear from butch to
drag, to benefit the Asian
AIDS Project. 8:00 pm \$5 °N
Touch, 1548 Polk/Sacramento
SF. Info: 543-2201.

WORD
Tede Mathews
& Sara Levi Calderon
Mathews will read from his
new Central American
political comic novel.
Calderon from her work, The
Two Mujeres 7:30pm, A
Different Light Bookstore,
489 Castro, SF. 431-0891.



SEXTECH
Desire, Power, Technology: The Technologized Body
A lec/dem vid show on Virtual Reality and pop culture, with Alison Ken
publisher of Mondo 2000, Arthur and Marilouise Kroker, co-authors of
Invaders: Panic Sex in America, Ron Reisman of NASA's flight simu
division, Steve Beck of Lapis Software, and Sharon Grace of Art Ins
Performance Video. Friday, August 21, 7:30 pm. \$5. San Francisco Art Ins
800 Chestnut, SF. 771-7020.

RITE Second System A collaborative installation and invocation of the spiri Folsom and Harrison Streets in tangible and tactile ways. Designed by St Stafford, with liturgical artists Animal J. Smith and John Neff, this ware event will be sure to stir some souls, both present and distant. 8:30pm-mid \$6-10. A portion of proceeds goes to the AIDS Emergency Fund. Wednesday Thursday, August 26 & 27. The Holy Place, 933 Harrison (between 5th & SF. 979-0242.

SMARTS
Gay and Lesbian Courses at City College's Everett Middle Sc branch (450 Church St. at 16th) — even if you're not getting an academic of it'll improve your party chat fuel (and you might even find a date). The fall up includes courses in creative writing and lesbian relationships (on Montheatre, anthropology, history, minority group psychology, and art (literature and film (Wed.); gay male relationships, the avant-garde cinema (New this semester is Jonathan Katz' "Lesbian and Gay Style and Sensibi which has Monday night and Wednesday night sections. All classes start at p.m. Enrollment is \$18 per course. Bring a check or money order. Phone the Studies Department at 239-3383 for more information.

SHOW
Beach Blanket Babylon Dan Quayl(e) and Murphy Brown, benchmark of the cultural elite, have joined the raucous retinue of celeb pare in this howlingly funny musical review. While the potato(e) head VP stum about in a dunce cap, Murphy Brown sings 'Natural Woman' from her bir bed. Now in its 19th year, this silly show follows the trevails of Snow W through her journey in search of a prince. She encounters wild characiture outrageous costumes and enormous hats, Babs Bush, Cher, Madonna, an pickled Ted Kennedy.

WedThurs 8pm,

Fri-Sat 8 & 10:30pm,



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Ram Studios, 3160 16th (bet
Guerrero & Valencia) above
Paula's Clubhouse, side ent.
553-8172.

Anthony Michael Valentino Ongoing exhibit of 'neo-grotesco' multimedia works by the late artist. Thru 8/31 Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th/Market, SF. 861-7933.

FAITH
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Celebration each Sunday at
5:30, Dolores Street Church,
208 Dolores/15th, SF. 2559244.

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Gay Comedy Open Mike 8 p.m. \$4. Gay & Lesbian comics sign up by phone by 7pm Josie's Cabaret 3583 16th/Market, SF. 861-7933.

TUESDAY 25

SHOW
Will Rogers Follies
Keith Carradine whoops it
up in one of the silliest retroslick country musicals to hit
the boards in years. Directed
and choreographed by leggy
homo Tommy Tune. A benefit
performance for the Shanti
Project, \$60 - \$130. Includes a
post-show reception hosted
by the cast at the Sir Francis
Drake Hotel. Golden Gate
Theatre, 6th & Market.
Tickets. 584-3354

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The Amityville Horror Klubstitute explodes with another Sick and Twisted Players live version of a bad classic horror film. Starring Don Baird, Leigh Crow, Johnny Cat, Enrique & Deena Davenport. Directed by the ever-bleached Tony Vaguely. Plus pre-show snacks, tarot readings and 'zany' stuff. Dj.Remix Von Popstitute. Door: 8pm, show Ilpm \$4.11 (cheap)! ID required. The Ilth Hour, 1484 Market (near Van Ness), SF.

VISUALS
Por Amor de Frida
A celebration of Frida Kahlo,
the new posthumous bi
darling of the art world.
Featuring photos by hubby
Diego Rivera, the cozy
gallery is also packed with
sculptures and paintings by
Mexican folk artists, from
Day of the Dead dioramas to
bright paintings and saintly
figurines. Thru 8/30, Tues-Sat
11-7, Sun 12-5. Polanco
Gallery, 242 Gough, SF. 2525753.

Brian Weil: The AIDS
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delicate, incisive documentive
portraits of PWAs, activists
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11-6. The Ansel Adams
Center, 250 Fourth St., SF
495-7242.

The Abortion Project SF stop on the national tour of an amazing collection of pro-choice works by Sue Coe, Kiki Smith, Nancy Spero, Barbara Kruger and many more. Thru 8/29. Tues-Sat 11-5 pm. New Langton Arts 1246 Folsom, SF. 626-5416.

Gay Men's Sketch Male nude figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling. 7 pm. \$12 1229 Folsom, SF. 621-6294.

ACTION ACTUPGolden Gate Weekly general meeting. 539 Hayes bet. Laguna & Octavia, SF. 252-9200.

FUN Folk Dancing Gay and Lesbian folk dance group meets every Tues. in the Castro. Beginners welcome. Teaching: 7pm. Dancing 8-9 pm. Loc. & info: 585-9784.

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sex and abuse and how to
build one's positive erotic
self. Continues Wed. \$30 for
both sessions. 7:30 pm Good
Vibrations 1210 Valencia/23rd,
SF. 550-7399.



WEDNESDAY 26

RUSH Rafting on the American River A white water rafting trip for people with HIV/AIDS. Not for the timid. Bring a lunch \$35 details and reservations: Shanti Activities, 777-2273.

SHOW
Dragon Dream
Boy meets dragon, boy loses
dragon, boy finds dragon.' A
solo piece based on actor
Dennis Dun's journey to
China to film Bertolucci's
The Last Emperor. Played to
packed houses at the '91 Solo
Mio Festival. Wed-Sun thru
9/13. Asian American
Theater, '403 Arguello, SF.
751-2600.

SCREEN
Pin Psycho horror film
about two handsome kids
with dead parents and an
anatomy dummy that takes
over their lives. 7:15, 9:20 and
Sat Sun Wed mat at 2:15.
Thru 9/8 \$5.50. Red Vic
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6:30. Cloud Hall, Rm 247,
CCSF Main Campus, 50

Phelan, SF & 6:30 pm, Everett Middle School, Rm 225, Church at 16th, SF. 239-3000 or 239-3383.

HIV
Project Inform Town
Meeting News and
highlights from the 8th
International AIDS
Conference sponsored by
Project Inform. Topics
include Women with HIV,
Compound Q; antivirals,
vaccines OI treatments, and
non-HIV AIDS. 7:30 pm
Mission High School
Auditorium, 3750
18th/Dolores, SF. 558-9051.

SUPPORT Adult Children of Alcoholics Gay and Lesbian meetings each Wednesday 8 pm. MCC Room 104, 150 Eureka in the Castro, SF. 428-1048.

GLOE (Gay Lesbian Outreach to Elders) Drop-in Support group for older lesbians. Noon -2:00pm, GLOE, 1833 Market. Bring a bag lunch. 626-7000.

THURSDAY 27

SHOW
M. Butterfly Love, gender bending, wartime, racism, sexism, all based on a true story about a Japanese cross-dresser's love for a white man, written by Tony Awardwinner David Henry Hwang. 8:00 pm, 7:30 and Sun. matinees. \$12 - \$22.thru 9/6. Theatre Works, Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts. 903-6000.

MIX
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Project, 270 14th, SF. 6267747.

MOVES
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Florida/17th, SF. 621-7797.

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SCREEN
Evening of Structural
Cinema
Beauty should make one
convulse.' Paraphrasing
Andre Breton, this collection
of films has done just that,
flickering, strobing colorlight-time celluloid
experiments that sometimes
induce epileptic seizures.
Peter Kubela's Arnulf
Rainer, Tony Conrad's The
Flicker & Film Feedback and
Paul Sharis' Ray Gun Virus
& Epileptic Seizure
Comparison. \$5, 8:00pm, 1800
square Feet, 719 Clementina,
SF 255-8510.

WORD Stanley Seagal Author of *The Man Who* Cured His Therapist reads from his work. 730 pm Free. A Different Light Bookstore 489 Castro/Market, SF 431-0891

SUPPORT Rainbow's End Youth group for lesbian, gay and bisexual youth 22 and under. 5:30-6 drop-in for newcomers, 6-7:30 meetings. 457-1115.

WORKSHOP
Positive Motion
G. Hoffman Soto leads a
movement, dance, drawing,
touch and dialogue workshop
of expression for men living
with HIV. Thursdays 8/20 9/24, 6:30-9:30 pm. \$60. \$150
(sliding). Mariposa Studio,
2808 Mariposa/Florida, SF.
461-9479.

ACTION ACT UP SF General meetings, 7:30 pm, the Women's Building, 3543 18th St. (bet Valencia & Guerrero), SF. Event Line: 563-0724.

FAITH Dignity Open House Evenings. 208 Dolores/15th, SF. Call 255-9244.

SUPPORT GLOE (Gay Lesbian Outreach to Elders) Men's Friendship Group. 2-45pm at 711 Eddy, SF. 626-7000.

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Cohn

events. You never quite feel grounded watching this movie and it isn't because the filmmakers were trying to be experimental or unconventional.

Earnest, and with one bizarre exception, fastidiously politically correct Citizen Cohn uses traditional "biopic" elements (interpersed documents) fortage "biopic" elements (inter-spersed documentary footage denotes the passage of time) and movie cliches (smokey ambient lighting to suggest 50's courtrooms) to camouflage it's lack of clarity. The hospital scenes, ironically, have the most life.

Mea No Culpa

As Cohn lies in bed, looking more and more ill (Woods, who seems like a nervous stand up comic in the flashbacks, is effective as the sick, angry Cohn) he is visited by figures from his past.



Ethel Rosenberg appears to taunt him for sending her to the electric chair. Robert Kennedy, who also worked with McCarthy, tells Cohn their Communist witch hunt was wrong. By the end of the film, his parents and several others have crowded into his others have crowded into his room as he remains defiantly, obnoxiously unrepentant. It's an effective, eerie device.

This makes the rest of the

film, particularly the gay scenes, even more frustrating. If Cohn flashes back to a lunch he had with Cardinal Spellman you'd think he might flashback to one of the

might flashback to one of the afternoons he spent with hustlers on his yacht.

Hoffman's book is full of stories about Cohn's homosexuality and despite Cohn's hypocrisy, not all of them are negative. Cape Cod neighbors told Hoffman about seeing Cohn tenderly helping a friend with AIDS walk down the beach. In addition, Cohn took his longtime companion took his longtime companion Peter Fraser to meet the Rea-gans at the White House and lobbied the Office of Management and Budget for more AIDS research funding.

Not Gay Not

Cohn also told Mike Wallace on 60 Minutes that he wasn't gay and that he didn't have AIDS. Worse than that, he traveled to Israel with Jesse Helms. None of this is in the film. Citizen Cohn does little to explore the inherent contradictions — contradictions that should be one of the being more about the should be one of the chief reasons to make a film on Cohn. Why was a very sexually active gay man hanging out with anti-gay, po-litical conservatives? The

Intical conservatives? The movie barely acknowledges the irony.

There are a few, more honest gay scenes. In one Cohn tells McCarthy, as he looks wistfully out the window that "everybody starts out straight. I've never heard of anybody heing born home of anybody heing born home. of anybody being born homo-sexual, have you? Time goes by and sometimes it happens by and sometimes it happens to them without them even knowing it." It's as close as he comes to admitting the truth. There is one brief shot of him in bed with a man and several scenes of him openly, almost arrogantly flirting with David Schine, an Army soldier

But the movie doesn't ex-But the movie doesn't explore the more difficult questions about the relationship between Cohn's internalized homophobia and self-hatred and his anti-gay political positions. Was he attacking others to protect himself? How could be have had men in his hed he have had men in his bed with his mother in the house and continue to deny he was

gay?
Citizen Cohn's politics are standard liberal fare, most ob-

Citizen Cohn's politics are standard liberal fare, most obviously in a scene where Roy's father, a liberal judge, articulately rails against his son for participating in the witch hunt. Roy and his mother, fast-talking, loud-mouth reactionaries, dismiss him with shrill insults.

The one blatantly, bizarre non-PC moment comes in the film's opening scene. Roy, as a boy, is having lunch at a New York restaurant with his arguing parents. Mrs. Cohn is trying to get her husband to fix a parking ticket and he refuses. As the argument heats up she puts her arm around Roy and glares at her husband. The camera moves back, emphasizing her connection to Roy (they lived together until her death in 1968).

The father, the weaker figure remains isolated from the

The father, the weaker figure, remains isolated from the two of them. Placing this as the opening scene in a film with questionable gay content, it's almost as if the filmmakers were telling us that Roy was the way he was because of a domineering mother and a weak father. So go figure.

Books

Sobs and Belly Laughs

Sweetheart by Peter McGehee; St. Martin's Press, \$17.95

by Mary, Shaw

or most tastes, farce or most tastes, farce and pathos are as impossible a mix as treacle on blood pudding, but every once in a while, an artist comes along and achieves a surprising blend. Witness Evelyn Waugh's Vile Bodies and Samuel Beckett's Happy Days. It really doesn't matter if the farce accentuates the grief in the pathos or the pathos points up the absurdipathos points up the absurdity in the farce. The audience goes from a belly laugh to a sob without so much as a hiccup, and that's that.

In author Peter McGehee's second novel about Zero Mc-

second novel about Zero McNoo, his pixilated family and giddy friends (the first was Boys Like Us), AIDS is always present, but in addition to sophisticated medicine, coping is a matter of continuing life with as much sexy, outrageous vitality as possible. If the slapstick absurdity becomes the reality, so much the better.

So there is Zero, with his

the better.

So there is Zero, with his dotty editor/boss Snookums, his friendly ex-lover David, his sensational new lover Jeff and a wonderfully raffish crew in today's Toronto. Zero is a columnist for City Magazine, and his life is a series of

ricochets among AIDS activists, drag queens and his loony family.

His folks summon him to a 30th birthday party for his sister in Little Rock, but before he can take off, the ultraprecocious Mary Bull, 14, the daughter of his wild cousin Trebreh (Herbert spelled backwards), is catapulted into his life. She has never known her father, a wildly popular porn star whose only role in her life was as sperm provider for her dyke me-

If the slapstick absurdity becomes the reality, so much the better.

chanic mother. Even so, Mary becomes the key to her elu-sive father's existence. Stashing Mary in his Toronto apartment, Zero goes to Arkansas with David. The incredible birthday episode seems a detour, but it is



actually a great send-up of the supposedly normal American family. Coolly rational by comparison, Zero sees the McNoos and all their shirt-tail

McNos and all their shirt-tail cousins as zanier by far than his basically humane and loving "other," closer family.

The concluding third section is in LA and winds down with a death. But even that momentarily sobering event is handled like a good party.

McGehee, who died of AlDS-related illness in Toronto in 1991, would probably not like the old show-biz saying, "Always leave them laughing when you say goodbye," but it turns out to be farcically true for his last work. Sweetheart is a lesson in how to handle bad times with good humor—and more.

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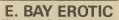


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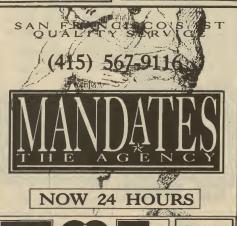
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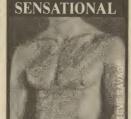
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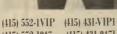
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Northern California **Drummer Winners** Chosen

ary France, a fundraiser, activist, engineering consultant and a Gay Games gold-medal winner in wrestling, won the Mr. Northern California Drummer title, and Matthew Joseph won the Northern California Drummer Boy title in a two-day competition period last Friday and Saturday, Aug. 14 and 15. Bill Camilo, the Big Kahuna at Pleasuredome, sponsored both contestants, and need I tell you he's overjoyed? Gary and Matthew will represent this region at the International Mr. Drummer finals the weekend of Sept. 18 and 19. and 19.

and 19.

On Friday night, Aug. 14, at the Eagle, there were five Drummer Boy contestants (Bill Toner, Jay Paul Reardon, Matthew Joseph, Matt Langford and Wayne McMorris) facing judges Alan Selby, Don Thompson, Tony Amato, IMSL. Blair, Darnell Bosic, Bill Gooch and Calvin Lindberg.

Bill Gooch and Calvin Lindberg.

The fantasies of the boys—
interspersed with entertainment by comedian Joe
Leonardi, C&W singer on the
rise Nick Wilson and The
Fantasy Men of Creative Talents starring the fabulous
Rainbeau and Brad Cavalier—
were great

were great.

On Saturday afternoon,
Aug. 15, at Colossus (cocktails
\$4 a pop!), there were only
three contestants for the Mr.
Northern California Drummer title: Gary France,

Michel Coin and Michael
Tarr. Judges A.J. Steigenberger, Steve Lesh, Shiloh Unruh,
Bill Gooch, Mitch Johnson,
Lupe Rosenbaum and Serena
Drogos peered down on the
action from the balcony while
Brad Cavalier did a sole erotic dance fawning before "A.J."
who just happens to be Mr.
Leather Europe.
Emperor Douglass, Empress Velveeta and IMSL.
Blair emceed while the contestants went through their

press verveeta and IMSL. Blair emceed while the contestants went through their paces, and the audience was entertained by Danny Rodriguez, Mark Davis and Leonardi once again.

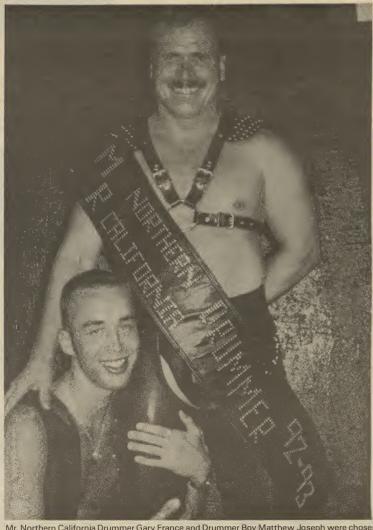
Aside from the fact that the starting time on Friday was 2000 and the contest didn't start until 2115 and on Saturday the starting time was 1500 but the contest didn't actually start until 1615, plus microphone problems at both venues, the Knights of Malta did all right for a first-time effort. Although I've never seen it, there must be something somewhere written in stone that dictates gay events never begin at the anyousced, time. Burmara! ten in stone that dictates gay events never begin at the announced time. Bummer! Hopefully, these two events generated a considerable donation for the AIDS Emergency Fund. At my deadline, no amount had been announced.

To date, only one region remains unrepresented in the

remains unrepresented in the Intl. Mr. Drummer finals, and that's Southern California. Af-ter the Terry LeGrand deba-cle last year, apparently no



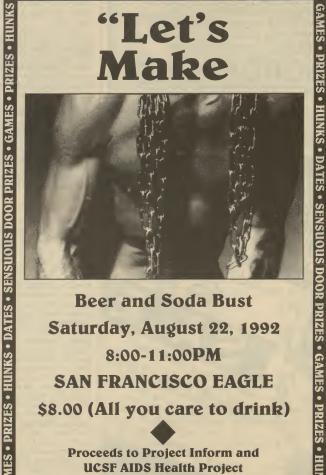
Northern California Drummer candidates (I to r): Michael Tarr, Gary France and Michel Coin at Colossus, Saturday, Aug. 15



Mr. Northern California Drummer Gary France and Drummer Boy Matthew Joseph were chosen last weekend and will compete in the finals next month. (Photo: Mr. Marcus)

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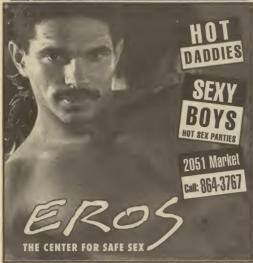
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one in the Southland will undertake the responsibility. Too bad, too bad.

In New York Saturday night, the Northeast Drummer Boy, Dale Hogan (sponsored by Andy of Prism Gallery), was chosen over four other contestants at Splash. It was a benefit for Gay Man's Health. Splash. It was a benefit for Gay Men's Health Crisis, and

Dalton and John "Papa Wheelie" Gardiner) were in-troduced on Friday night, and Saturday the formal wear and obnoxious talent played out. The judges (Lone Star em-ployees) were decked out in mop wigs and tons of Mardi Gras beads as the aspirants mocked "formal" wear with at least one appearing in a

judges thought there'd be some "water sports" as they were all wearing rain gear. It was a lot of laughs, and tourists who happened on the scene were wrecked — not to be believed!

be believed!
Monday night, the "official" second anniversary party took place. Very handsome anniversary pins were given



Gary France and the title-winning fantasy that garnered him the Northern California Drummer title last Saturday, Aug. 15 (Photo: Mr. Marcus)

there was a 50/50 raffle for the PWA Coalition. Almost 300 leather mavens converged 300 leather mavens converged on the scene to see Jack Wrangler emcee the event. Dale will join Dan Hobbs, Mr. Northeast Drummer, when they come to San Francisco next month. Thanks, Andyl I promise you a photo next week!

If all goes well, the Intl. Mr. Drummer finals should be a very unique presentation this year. And in case you

be a very unique presentation this year. And in case you haven't heard, SMMILE's efforts to block Desmodus Inc. from having 12th Street closed (for the purpose of erecting a giant tent in which to hold the Drummer finals) failed. It's a shame that divisiveness still exists in our community. What traffic problems? How could an event scheduled for after the Folsom Street Fair possibly detract from the fair itself? Is this greed or vindictiveness? Jeeeze!

Other things were going on around the campus last week. Wednesday, Aug. 12, was the Mr. February '93 Great Buns contest at the Watering Hole. Judges Ed Brick, Empress Velveeta and Dick Ferris faced eight contestants while the hilarious Mr. Lurch emceed before a packed emceed before a packed house. Rear ends adorned with tattoos, feathers and othwith tattoos, feathers and other regalia strutted and pranced, and when it was all over, Ed Van Campen copped the \$75 prize, with Robert Kirsch the runner-up. Glen Terrio will be the emcee for the Mr. March '93 Great Buns contest on Wednesday, Aug. 26, at 2130. See you there? The Lone Star began their second anniversary festivities on Friday, Aug. 14, with a search for Mr. Lone Star. The nine contestants (Gary Clayton, Bruce Lee, Larry Velour, Jaimsie Duliakas, Willie Watson, Jeff Cannon, Darrell

bathrobe and other wild garb In the obnoxious talent department, one guy even "did" himself!

Sunday was the swim-wear judging on the patio with a mini-swimming pool and a very odd assortment of beachwear. Apparently, the

out, a seven-foot long sand-wich was served, and a rock band blasted out the celebration. Danny Williams emceed the finals, with two extra points being given to "weenie wavers." The crowd was in stitches. After the "interrogation" and a million guffaws,



Mr. February '93 Great Buns winner Ed Van Campen, here with emcee Mr. Lurch at the Watering Hole last Wednesday, Aug.

the moment of truth arrived. The first-ever Mr. Lone Star turned out to be Larry Velour, who was anointed with a red-and-gold velvet crown, a yellow life jacket and a dozen stalks of wilted sunflowers. Pandemonium reigned. Jeff Cannon won the equivalent of Ms. Congeniality, with three others taking ty, with three others taking the runner-up spots. Great event and kudos to Steven Spafford and Eric for another boffo happening.

Here's the agenda for the coming days: Thursday,

Thursday, Aug. 20: IMsL. Blair presents a benefit for gay American Indians at the Corral from 2100 until midnight with entertainment, fun and a \$7 donation for a

Dyke Daddy B.C. Cliver reigns at Headquarters bar with a \$6 beer/soda bust to benefit the Women's Build-ing. She has declared it Butch

Night, but I thought that's how it was in that place every

riday, Aug. 21: Strike
Out AIDS with the SF Giants
at Candlestick tonight, J. Unicorn Escobeda's second annual
party benefiting the AIDS al party benefiting the AIDS Emergency Fund, CURAS and Food for Thought. Tailgate party at 1730, pregame program starring the Gay/Lesbian Chorus, a home-plate ceremony and a drawing for a Palm Springs weekend. Tix range from \$7.25 (with extras) as the Giants battle the Pittsburgh Pirates. For more information, call For more information, call (415) 864-2531.

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Saturday, Aug. 22: In his first official function, Leather Daddy Irwin Kane will emcee the AlDS Health Project benefit at the Eagle from 2000 to 2300 for an \$8 beer/soda bust. Look for four date auctions and three dating games!

Gay Community Awards at 1900 at the California Club and presentation of candidate of candidate of the California of t

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dates for Grand Duke and Duchess. Did you vote for your favorite nominees last Saturday? For ticket information, call Dale Douglas at 928-

Cruise on the Bay for Kairos House leaving Pier 39 at 1800. Stags will pay \$45 or \$75 for two. Dancing, come-dy, prizes, etc. Call 861-0877 for more information.

for more information.

Sunday, Aug. 23:Biceps, the muscle group, hosts the beer bust at the Eagle today with a leather/lace afternoon. The usual time, \$8. Wear your chastity belt.

Gay Men's Sketch Class with Jorge DeBaca modeling in Oakland for a \$12 fee. Call 621-6294 for more information.

Wednesday, Aug. 26: Looking for Mr. March '93 on the Great Buns calendar at 2130 tonight. Glen Terrio Will emcee, and you can win \$75 if you've got the best set. No word on the judges at my deadline

Closing on a sad note, another of my favorite people passed away of complications due to AIDS this past Monday morning, Aug. 17. Many knew his real name, Drew Okun, but thousands more knew him as AI Parker, the suner erotic star, who hailed super erotic star, who hailed from Natick, Mass., achieved fame in Southern California but fell in love with San

Francisco. He'd just celebrated his He'd just celebrated his 40th birthday last June 25 with Rita Rockett and Mark Abramson at Trax on Haight to benefit the Ward 5B Sunday brunches, and he was scheduled to appear at the AIDS Health Project benefit this coming Saturday.

I shared many a stage with

him for fundraisers. He served co-emcee at International Leather in 1988 and the South of Market contest before that. He never, ever re-fused to participate in benefits fused to participate in benefits in whatever capacity he could. I last saw him at the Dore Alley Fair, looking tanned, trim and enjoying that beautiful day. A beautiful man with a heart of gold and always, always fun to be with, whether working at benefits or within the confines of a darkened cinema.

ema.

At his own request, there will be no memorial service; he was cremated on Tuesday, and he only asked that all of you enjoy life and do all you can to help others. My heartfelt condolences to his partner, Keith Reiter, and everyone Keith Reiter, and everyone who knew him and loved him.

Theatre

Happy Lucky Lee

by Kate Bornstein

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Streets become the
crossroads of a crosscultural experience
next week when Patrick Lee
opens his one-man show, Exotic Fortunes, at Josie's. Lee
aims to traverse the worlds of
the straight Asian immigrant,
gay Asian-American, and the
white gay subculture.

gay Asian-Aniertan, and the white gay subculture.

In the course of the evening, Lee portrays eleven characters of several genders, sexual orientations, races, and ages. Some are fictional, some fantastical; and some are all too familiar. The script, mainly in English, is peppered with Cantonese. Exotic Fortunes marks Lee's debut as a

with Cantonese. Exotic Fortunes marks Lee's debut as a
solo performer.

"I got frustrated with the
lack of voices that speak to
the heart," said the 29-year
old writer/performer, "and I
was angry about the lack of
voices that tell my story, being both Asian and Gay." Lee
says he's seeing more Asian
artists on the scene now, but
he stresses that many of the
gay Asian artists are not doing gay Asian work.

"There's a need first to
represent the voice of your
community," he insists, "and
then to branch out and
write whatever one can imagine." According to Lee, "If
Asians do non-Asian work
only, there's an element of betrayal, as we are currently
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trayal, as we are currently such a small voice in this cul-

Lee was born in Hong Kong, and lived there with his family until he was thir-teen when he moved to the United States. As a young gay teenager in this country, the Chinese immigrant scene the Chinese immigrant scene was particularly painful.
"These immigrants place all the focus on the next generation," he explains, "but that means that you're caught in this parental web of guilt and pressure for the rest of your life."

Tangled Webs

Lee uses his art to explore these webs of family relation-ships. The action of the play takes place the week before and the morning after Uncle



Patrick Lee of Exotic Fortunes

Choy's 60th birthday party in Chinatown. Uncle Choy is the family patriarch who paid for all the relatives to come to America; he owns a fortune

all the relatives to come to America; he owns a fortune cookie factory — the Happy Lucky Cookie Factory. At the birthday banquet the family once again comes together around Uncle Choy, only to experience a profound change in the course of their lives.

Lee stresses the importance of laughter in his work. The show, he says, is comedy, drama and parody. Director Michael Sullivan of the San Francisco Mime Troupe brings to the piece a style reflective of that company. "I want to entertain the people who come to see this piece," says Lee, who aspires to membership in the Mime Troupe some day.

But the laughter Lee crafts has the purpose of opening

has the purpose of opening the door to understanding a

nexus of cultures. "What I'm most interested in is political theater," he maintains. "Most of my stuff is heavily into racial and feminist politics. I want to raise some hell."

It's this dichotomy of heart and soul at odds with security

and tradition that rests at the core of Exotic Fortunes. It's a theme close to the bone for Pat Lee who currently holds down a job in market analysis in a large financial district corporation. "I'm feeling the push more and more to get into the arts," he says, "not to dabble."

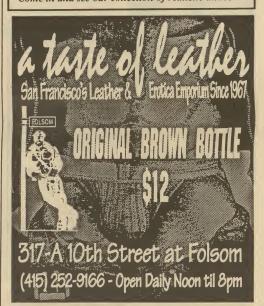
"It boils down to this," Lee concludes. "Do I want to wor-ry about the rent check or do I want to worry about not leading a full and rewarding life?"

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by Marv. Shaw

urprise! ACT UP and Queer Nation have a certified ancestor, the Gay Activist Alliance, a sizable gang of hotheads who the bread to buy an got up old firehouse in lower Manhattan, not long after Stonewall, and set up a shop that gave queerdom a head-quarters.

Soon, the dances and sim-

ilar events there were among the hottest around, but the group's most important function was planning strategy for demonstrations and zaps. No establishment event related to was safe from guerrilla theatre

staged.

In the massive adrenalin rush that was early gay liberation, these zappers were stinging the repressive straight scene like well-rehearsed hornets. But it wasn't just outrageous actions by a just outrageous actions by a daring bunch of faggots and dykes that alarmed J. Edgar and his cohorts. G.A.A. politics were decidedly leftist. The FBI, the CIA and the local gendarmeries realized they must spy on this nest of perverts. Infiltration began.

perverts. Infiltration began.
That's the situation novelist Jack Ricardo's Archie
Cain stumbles into when
he discovers that sexy
Max Harmony has just
been stabbed in the back. Max was an officer in the G.A.A. Cain put in several years as a Brooklyn cop be-fore he came out and was hounded off the force.

hounded off the force. Searching for the killer, Cain sleuths his way through Max's fellow G.A.A. officers: a mildly sinister couple who run a left-leaning journal, Max's doper lover and a sleazy importer. Also, Carney,

his former boss on the force, is leaning on him to lay off.

The result is a tensely plotted few days of detective work, snappy dialogue and well-motivated violence. Because Ricardo is a G.A.A. veteran, the authenticity level is high

high.

The G.A.A.'s fiery demise coincides with the climax of the murder investigation—quite appropriately, as circumstances dictate. Though Ricardo does not involve po-litical motivation as much as one might expect, the action, atmosphere and characteriza-tion make for a contracterization make for an engrossing mystery.



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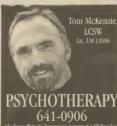
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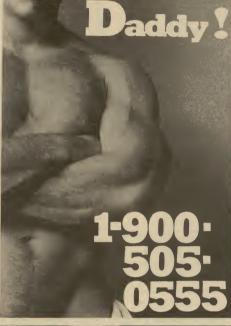


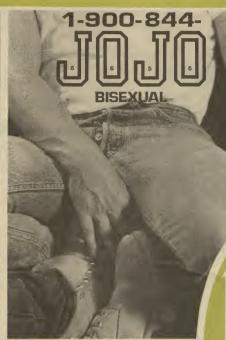
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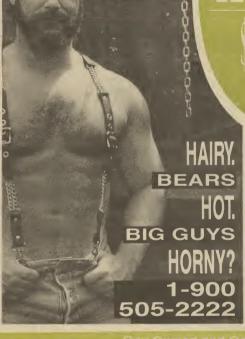


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